

COUNTDOWN
COACH INDUSTRY AWARDS

3

WEEKS TO ENTER

CBW

Coach and Bus Week

The PSV industry's news weekly • 13 July 1996 • Issue 226

DRIVE BY WIRE

Electronic
guidance
put to the test



SUCCESS
STORY

How Eavesway
went for quality

NAT EX PLANS
DERAILED

OFT puts brakes on
Midland Main Line

All the PSV news 4-11 • Legal News 12&13 • Tour News 14&15 • Marksman 17

• Diary 18 • Letters 20 • Profile 22&23 • Deals 24&25 • People 43

ChemEcol

(UK) LIMITED

SPECIALIST IN DIESEL FUEL TECHNOLOGY

Introduces

ADDITONE[®] CA 2000 Series

Developed with over 25 years of research and 6 million miles of Bus and Coach Operation on 15 different engines.

Independently proven results show:

Improved Combustion Process

Improved Fuel Economy on average up by 5%

Reduced Visible Smoke by up to 80%

Reduced Harmful Emissions

Reduced Particulate Emissions on average by 45%

Reduced Noise



Additone

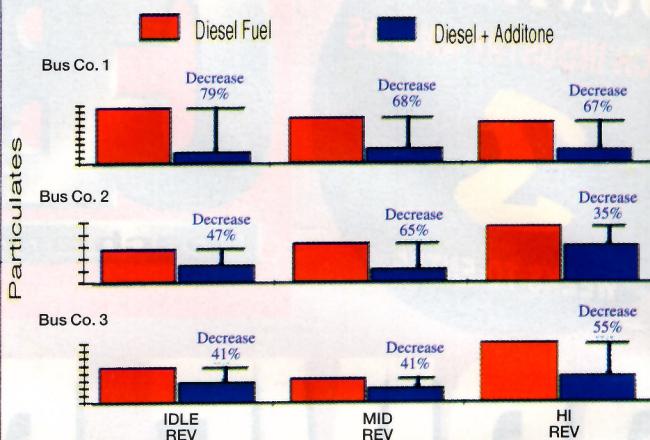
"the solution to pollution"TM

Manufactured and Distributed Solely by

ChemEcol UK Ltd
Hoddesdon Business Centre
8 Brewery Road, Hoddesdon,
Herts EN11 8HF

Tel: 01992 471 451 Fax: 01992 471 433

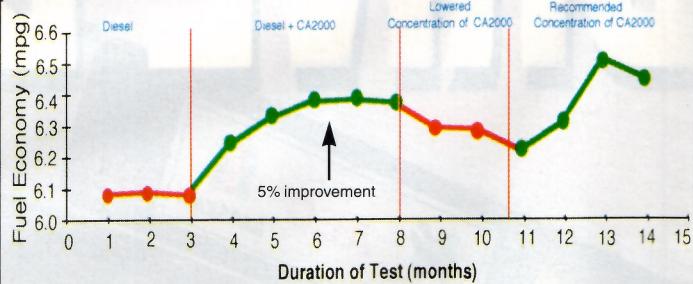
Reduction in Particulate Emission with Additone



Effect of Additone on Fuel Economy

Green Gardner 6LXB

Graph represents 500,000 miles of testing on London Roads in 15 vehicles



SPECIFICATION INCLUDES:

- 49 reclining seats + courier seat
- Sutrak air conditioning
- 11 litre 320 bhp engine
- Retarder
- Centre-sunken toilet/washroom
- Provision for video/monitor
- Blaupunkt radio/pa/cassette
- Tinted double-glazing
- Aluminium wheels

**JUST ONE REMAINING WITH
EURO 1 ENGINE**



**TO AVOID BEING -
'JUST TOO LATE'
CALL US NOW!**



SCANIA

BUS AND COACH U.K. LTD

CLAYLANDS AVENUE, WORKSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE S81 7DJ

TEL: 01909 500822 FAX: 01909 500165

City Diesel

the ultra low
emission fuel for a
clean air future

available today from



Coach and Bus Week is published by Emap Automotive, part of Emap Business Communications, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS
Tel 01733 467000 Fax 01733 467154

Editor

Mike Morgan 01733 467139

News editor

Mark Williams 01733 467140

Production editor

Frank Forster 01733 467142

Tourism editor

William Golden 01733 467141

Northern news editor

Andrew Jarosz 0113 2566505

Designer

Tina Golden 01733 467143

Group sales manager

Hugh Cairns 01733 467151

Assistant advertisement manager

Mike Moore 01733 467145

Advertisement team leader

Julia Hinkins 01733 467144

Display telesales executive

Lee Puffett 01733 467148

Classified telesales executives

Neil Mason 01733 467147

Michelle Wood 01733 467146

PA to publishing director

Lisa Wilson 01733 467157

Group production manager

Nicky Curd 01733 467121

Production assistants

Debi McGowan 01733 467123

Suzanne Porter 01733 467124

Publishing director

Mark Barton 01733 467136

Managing director

Ian Griffin 01733 467007

Classified Advertising

01733 467144

Subscriptions Jazz Walshe, *Coach and Bus Week*, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough tel 01733 467048, fax 01733 467002

Credit card hotline 0181 868 7618

Readerlink back issues department

0181 868 6625

Typesetting and origination: Meridian In Colour, Newark Road, Peterborough

Printing: William Gibbons, Wolverhampton

CBW is available only by pre-paid subscription

Domestic subscription rate is £49 per year; Europe £92 and worldwide air mail £124

All rates include postage

Contributions should be sent to The Editor, *Coach and Bus Week*, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS

The editor cannot accept responsibility for claims and statements by authors and manufacturers whose views do not necessarily represent those of the publisher, or for any mistakes or misprints, although every care is taken to ensure accuracy

ISSN 1351-3877

© Emap Automotive 1996



Question of duty

WE share Stagecoach's angry reaction to *World In Action*'s programme last week (CBW, 6 July).

There is no denying that Stagecoach has been accused of using some dubious tactics to defeat the opposition in a small minority of locations. Its palpable defence at the time was that it was anxious to combat the long-term problems caused by poor-quality bus services, rather than force companies into insolvency.

But the protection offered by the Office of Fair Trading was not worth much more than the paper it used, and considerably less than the OFT's executive salaries. Its long-considered bleatings came too late to save Darlington Transport, to name but one company. And that was just one story *World In Action* missed.

One it thought it hadn't missed was the less than startling revelation that Stagecoach has been claiming its Fuel Duty Rebate (FDR). According to *World In Action*, this is a subsidy too far for Stagecoach. It neglected to mention that FDR is a simple reclamation of tax, almost indistinguishable from VAT in that respect, and reclaimable by every bus operator in the UK. Indeed, it could be argued that, without FDR, many small bus companies of

the type *World In Action* had clearly set out to defend would suffer insolvency much more quickly than Stagecoach.

By drawing public attention to FDR in such a biased way, *World In Action* may have jeopardised public opinion against it, and that would be a disservice to public transport and its customers. It is certainly a disservice to Stagecoach to suggest its claiming of FDR is in any way an impropriety.

FDR is, as you will read in this issue, a vital weapon in the armoury which may ultimately re-establish the bus as the city's transport system, and simultaneously relieve congestion and pollution. It may be a subsidy, but FDR is certainly not a free gift. FDR is a cost-effective way of ensuring low fares and/or attractive bus services, and its removal is too environmentally costly even to contemplate.



Mike Morgan
Editor

events

2-6 September: The 24th European Transport Forum, Brunel University, Uxbridge, London. Details from PTRC on 0181 741 1516/fax 0181 741 5993

14-15 September: UK Bus Driver of the Year Final, Princes Parade, Blackpool. Details from Margaret Buckley, Bus and Coach Training Ltd, on 01923 896607

16 September: Coaching For Pleasure Day, Legoland, Windsor. Details from Derrick J Alsop, tel/fax 0115 973 2260

22 September: Amberley Museum Open Top Bus Show, Houghton Bridge, Amberley, West Sussex. Details from Howard Stenning, tel 01798 831370, fax 01798 831831

1-3 October: Expocoach, Hall 3, NEC, Birmingham. Contact show manager Mark Griffin on 01926 888123, fax 01926 888004

17 October: Buses Worldwide meeting, Fred Tallent Hall, Drummond Street, London NW1. Details from Ian Johnston, 3 Cypress Drive, Fleet, Hants, GU13 9HE

21-22 October: CPT annual conference, The Park Hotel, Cardiff. Details on 0171 831 7546/fax 0171 242 0053

21-24 October: Mitcar, Paris, Porte de Versailles, details on 00 33 1 41 29 97 27 fax 00 33 1 41 29 96 68

23-27 October: Autobus Rai 96, MECC, Maastricht, Holland. Details, tel 00 31 20 549 1212/fax 00 31 20 646 4469

5-7 November: GNSS 96 — Global Navigation Satellite Systems Conference, The Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ. Details from The Director on 0171 589 5021/fax 0171 823 8671

5-10 November: Bus 101, Hallen, Kortrijk, Belgium. Details from Mieke Gloeck, Bus 101, Motestraat 41, B-8800 Roeselare, Belgium, tel 00 32 51 22 60 60/fax 00 32 51 22 92 73

23 November: CBW Coach Industry Awards, Purbeck Hall, Bournemouth. Entry forms must be returned before 31 July. Details on 01733 467139



All stars: Lingfield pupils with TV's Tony Hart

▼ Bus

School's in for Summer

AMERICAN-style school buses help a Surrey primary school beset with parking problems and traffic congestion. British Bus subsidiary London & Country pioneered a free door-to-door service for Lingfield Primary during the Summer term and demand required a second bus. Each seatbelted vehicle has escort and mobile phone. The school responded with road safety initiatives, including poster competition with prizes presented by TV personality Tony Hart. A permanent service is expected for next term.

▼ Bus

Vehicle used for pupils had faulty brakes and steering

AN Edinburgh sheriff has deferred sentence on Heather Travel, which ran a defective school bus stopped last December. The 53 seater run by the Dalmeny company had defective brakes, steering and exhaust, and had no tax disc or MOT. The traffic commissioner revoked the firm's O-licence and banned the owner from holding one indefinitely.

▼ Coach

Lang threat puzzles National Express



'SORRY, YOU CAN'T HAVE A LONDON COACH RETURN. HOW ABOUT A FLIGHT FROM EAST MIDLANDS?...'

▼ Bus

CPT wants full fuel d

'Only option open to Government if

by Mark Williams

open to the Government if it is sincere about its public transport policies.

CPT's 1996 budget submission to the Treasury makes a case for a return to the full refund of duty, as was the case before 1993. It is, says CPT, the only option

▼ Bus

'Old hat, old tat' says Stagecoach

STAGECOACH is examining libel issues after Granada TV's World In Action programme (CBW, 6 July). The documentary accused the company of using strong-arm tactics to force small bus operators out of business and profiting from Fuel Duty Rebate. However, it was dismissed by Stagecoach spokesman Jack Irvine as "old hat, old tat, and as cold as yesterday's mince."

NATIONAL Express says it is "puzzled" by trade secretary Ian Lang's insistence that its acquisition of Midland Main Line and its parallel coach services may constitute a monopoly.

At the advice of the Office of Fair Trading, Mr Lang has threatened to refer NatEx to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if it doesn't close or sell its coach express services from Derby, Leicester, Sheffield, Chesterfield and Nottingham into London.

"We do not believe that operating coaches and trains in parallel is likely to operate against the public interest because the barriers to entry in the coach market are very, very low," said

NatEx finance director Colin Child. "The danger is that, far from increasing competition, this will eliminate it."

NatEx is believed to have made inquiries about monopoly issues between rail and coach before submitting its bid, and entered further discussions afterwards: "We were a little surprised with the announcement, as we thought the discussions were ongoing," said Mr Child.

NatEx is now believed to be negotiating a compromise, though it has admitted turnover from the coach routes is "negligible" in comparison to the £128 million revenues expected from MML.

return to duty rebate

it's sincere about transport policies'

per cent above the rate of inflation, it calculates operating costs will rise four per cent next year, with a similar effect on fares.

"Since 1993, buses have become, as it were, inadvertently caught up in a tax structure which is more appropriate for private road transport," says a first draft of the CPT report.

Operators of local buses have been required to meet a growing share of a duty whose level has been increasing in real terms at a rate five per cent above inflation.

"If the Government really means to encourage modal shift to public transport, it has to concede that the 1993 policy of increasing fuel duty at

the same rate as that of fuel duty for cars was ill-conceived and must be reversed."

The CPT also considered 'red' diesel, a blanket all-vehicle duty rebate, environmental rebates based on vehicle type, and freezing the duty payable at its current level.

But to cover the cost of its preferred option of total duty rebate, it calculates the Government would have to levy only an additional 0.3p per litre on car fuel.

- Is FDR constructive or divisive? Could your company manage without it, and how would you spend any additional rebate? Let us know your views by phone, 01733 467140, or fax, on 01733 467154.

In brief**Winding up**

THE final winding up of liquidated Liverpool company Arena Coaches will be on 1 August. The Speke firm went bust this Spring, owing Barclays more than £30,000. The small balance after administration has been absorbed in liquidators' fees.

Air-con fitted

SCOTTISH operator Silver Coach Lines has had its three, new Toyota Caetano Optimos factory-fitted with MAC-Hispacold air conditioning. The system, controlled by a simple keypad, uses the Optimo's existing ducting, and sites the condenser on the offside behind the front wheels.

London demo

THE Metropolitan Police Coach Advisory Service has warned of today's (Saturday, 13 July) 'reclaim the streets' demonstrations in Liverpool Street, London. They may include impromptu scaffold towers and on-road sandpits! Tomorrow (Sunday) 25,000 will be taking part in Cadbury's Strollerthon from Battersea Park

Deaths rise

DRIVECARE UK claims commercial driver deaths were up 24 per cent last year. The Blyth Road, London firm says its DriveCare rear window stickers — giving a number on which the public can report poor driving — can make heavy vehicle drivers more aware of their responsibility.

School call

TRANSPORT Secretary Sir George Young has backed calls for more children to get to school on foot or bicycle. Statistically, school journeys account for 16 per cent of rush-hour, morning traffic, but a new scheme, Safe Routes to Schools, aims to reduce this figure.

▼ Coach and Bus

Steady as she goes

Swings and roundabouts but sales totals level up

By Mike Morgan

HALF way through the year and coach registrations are up by one per cent, bus registrations are down five per cent, bringing the year-to-date figures within 2.4 per cent of totals at the end of June 1995.

Paradoxically the number of vehicles registered in each of the two sectors during June reversed the trends shown by the half-year figures. Coach registrations fell from 82 to 76 during the month when bus figures jumped by 21.

Nevertheless the latest figures supplied by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that the combined table for coach and bus registrations are still below the 1995 level. However, the total number of new full-size PSVs that went on the road last month is up by six per cent.

Within these totals the market leader, Volvo, has slipped from 45.2 per cent market share to 44.5 per cent as a consequence of a 15 per cent fall in its bus registrations — though it has increased coach market dominance from 52.5 per cent to 55.2 per cent.

Dennis stays in second place in the coach and bus league, having registered almost identical numbers in June. However, its year to date figures are

COACH AND BUS REGISTRATIONS

	June		Year to Date			
	1996	1995	units	%	1996	1995
Volvo	121	100	919	44.5	959	45.3
Dennis	75	74	560	27.1	593	28.0
Scania	9	14	191	9.3	172	8.1
Optare	32	11	121	5.9	78	3.7
DAF Bus	14	11	92	4.5	105	5.0
Bova	3	9	35	1.7	34	1.6
Others	13	33	146	7.0	174	8.3
Total	267	252	2064	100	2115	100

COACH REGISTRATIONS

	June		Year to Date			
	1996	1995	units	%	1996	1995
Volvo	31	23	521	55.2	490	52.5
Dennis	18	9	122	12.9	113	12.1
Scania	2	11	96	10.2	108	11.6
DAF Bus	12	4	65	6.9	57	6.1
Bova	3	9	35	3.7	34	3.7
Others	10	26	104	11.1	131	14.0
Total	76	82	943	100	933	100

BUS REGISTRATIONS

	June		Year to Date			
	1996	1995	units	%	1996	1995
Dennis	57	65	438	39.1	480	40.6
Volvo	90	77	398	35.5	469	39.7
Optare	32	11	121	10.8	78	6.6
Scania	7	3	95	8.5	64	5.4
DAF Bus	2	7	27	2.4	48	4.1
Others	3	7	42	3.7	43	3.6
Total	191	170	1121	100	1182	100

The above table details all vehicles on designated PSV underframes registered last month in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and Channel Islands.

Source: SMMT

down by 5.6 per cent as its bus registrations have yet to regain the same volume as 1995. May witnessed a significant positive leap for Dennis but this was not sustained in June despite the Dart SLF heading towards its first 'century'.

Optare's low-floor bus, the Excel, has contributed to the improved fortunes of the Crossgate-

company's own-product registrations which have leapt by 55 per cent this year. Scania's bus market growth is not far behind at 48.4 per cent with group orders for British Bus and Go Ahead.

In another paradox DAF Bus registrations are up 14 per cent in the coach sector and down 43 per cent in the bus sector.

▼ Coach

Capital conundrum solved

AN airside contract which demanded 15, identical two-door buses left Capital Coaches of Heathrow in a quandary.

"The contract wasn't big enough to buy new, and I discovered you can't buy 15, identical second-hand buses in Britain," said Paul Cowell, operations director. Eventually he found exactly what he needed in the Far East, and is about to get the first of the Spanish-bodied, DAF-

engined vehicles on test.

Ironically, the Castrosua vehicles have been displaced from the Far Eastern operator's 650-strong fleet by British-built vehicles — a merry-go-round of bus travel in which each vehicle makes not one but two trips half way around the globe. "They should be just what we want," said Mr Cowell. "They've done very low mileage and have air-conditioning."

CBW



Paul Cowell: search

▼ Coach

Tune in to beat the jam

CAPITAL FM has launched 'live' traffic reports, giving up-to-the-minute information on M25 jams.

The radio station uses RAC's Travel News computer system, which ties Trafficmaster's network of 2,400 sensors to computer mapping to announce jams within minutes of them building up. Details of the length and speed of jams is also available.

Coach drivers can find Capital FM on 95.8, and use RDS/TA systems to interrupt normal listening with traffic reports.

▼ Coach and Bus

On-site training

APOLOGIES to windscreen repair kit specialist Esprit, whose name was misspelt in our commercial feature (CBW, 29 June).

The company has also asked us to point out that training in the use of its £400-plus repair kit can be taken on-site as well as at its training centre in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

SPECIAL OFFER
on Super Heavy Duty
Batteries. See below



HOW DO YOU SATISFY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES THAT EAT ORDINARY BATTERIES FOR BREAKFAST?

▀ Some heavy duty batteries just can't get to grips with today's power hungry public sector vehicles. Which means your buses and coaches aren't working to their full capacity.

▀ Fortunately, you will not have these problems with the correct Varta. Our unrivalled commercial vehicle batteries are more than a match for the powerful electronic demands of your hard working fleet. Which is why we're first choice for original equipment with leading manufacturers such as Mercedes, DAF, Volvo, Scania and many more.

▀ They know that every Varta battery is constructed to the exact specification of each model, giving you and your drivers total reliability and delivering all the power you need on vehicles packed with electronic equipment. Not just through original batteries but with our superior replacement range too, which is tailor made for every make and model on the road.

▀ For all your everyday needs, Varta's Heavy Duty batteries not only meet the manufacturers required standards but often exceed them. They're built to cope with the high cyclic demands of stop-start public sector vehicles with enough in reserve to run air conditioning, lighting and other auxiliaries. For even greater power Varta also offer their Super Heavy Duty Range - 3 models offering the ultimate performance for a wide range of buses and coaches.

▀ The most technically advanced on the market, Varta Super Heavy Duty batteries offer improved starting performance through higher voltage retention for starting from a lower charge level and improved power with greater starting reserve for diesels. They also last 30% longer than ordinary commercial vehicle batteries due to their plate construction and offer 3 times the cyclic durability.

▀ Both Varta Heavy Duty and Super Heavy Duty batteries are readily

available through a fast national distribution network. Better still, up to September 30th we're offering the Super Heavy Duty range for the price of our Heavy Duty batteries.

▀ Why not call now and take advantage of the most powerful, dependable and durable commercial vehicle batteries on the market? Just contact your local Varta stockist or ring the Varta Sales Office.

Varta Automotive Batteries Ltd,
PO Box 402, Broadwater Park,
North Orbital Road, Denham,
Uxbridge, Middlesex UB9 5AG.
Tel: 01895 838989/990/993.
Fax: 01895 838981.

VARTA
THE BATTERY EXPERTS

▼ Bus

Citybus has largest gas vehicle fleet

Ten CNG Darts join six retrofits

BRITAIN'S biggest fleet of gas-powered buses is now running with Southampton Citybus under the Eco Bus banner.

Ten purpose-built nine-metre Plaxton Pointer-bodied Dennis Darts powered by CNG-fuelled 150 bhp Cummins B-series engines have joined six retrofitted Darts in the Citybus fleet, meaning that 10 per cent of the company's local service mileage is now covered by gas buses. They follow the first purpose-built CNG bus for First-Bus earlier this year.

By Mike Morgan

Citybus managing director Ian Phillips said: "It is now 12 months since we placed our first CNG-powered Dart in service. Our experience this far has been very positive and encouraged us to launch this large-scale operation with support from British Gas and Hampshire County Council."

The Pointer bodies have strengthened roof structure to support the CNG storage tanks and British Gas has installed a gas station in the Citybus depot for overnight



Citybus Eco Buses refuelled overnight from British Gas depot station

fuelling. Mr Phillips said: "The most obvious features of the CNG-powered buses are reduced noise and an absence of visible exhaust emissions — both of which contribute to the quality of life in busy urban areas.

"CNG offers a dramatic reduction in emissions when compared with diesel. Sulphur and

particulates are virtually eliminated, while reductions in the order of 80 per cent are achieved in nitrogen oxides and non-methane hydrocarbons.

"I believe that buses have an important part to play in improving the urban environment. If they are to play this part to the full they have to be seen to be clean,

modern and pollution-free — which is what our new fleet achieves."

John Smith, managing director of Dennis Specialist Vehicles, said: "Urban pollution is a matter of growing concern and we are pleased to have been involved with Southampton Citybus in establishing a leading position in this field."

▼ Coach and Bus

Low-sulphur diesel subsidies introduced



Emissions research prompted the LT subsidy

LONDON Transport Buses and British Airways have simultaneously announced subsidies for switching to low-sulphur diesel.

London Buses' ongoing emissions research programme prompted the LT subsidy — the full price differential over 'normal' Derv — to be negotiated at the time of tender with operators.

The BAA Heathrow subsidy is around half the 3.5p/litre premium for the fuel and has already been adopted by all 250 of BAA's own airside and company vehicles.

Heathrow vehicles' annual consumption of diesel is a staggering 17 million litres, of which six million are bought by the airport itself. It's making

its subsidy available to all contractors with regular services into the airport.

"Diesel vehicles are actually responsible for 90 per cent of all road transport-related particulates," said Greenergy md Andrew Owens, whose company will be supplying the City Diesel. "Switching to City Diesel immediately reduces pollution levels and visible smoke is virtually eliminated."

"We urge the Government to act now with financial incentives to allow low-sulphur fuels to be more competitive at the pump," he added.

One London contract operator said he felt the offer by LT was "papering over the cracks." He said many if not most operators had one fuel tank for both their LT

work and other commercial work, for which subsidy will not be available.

"That makes the arrangement complex or impractical. The nettle to grasp is that of alternative fuels such as CNG or LPG. I can't see many operators being able to take up the LT offer."

● LT emissions testing demonstrated reductions of around 40 per cent of particulates, 16 per cent less carbon monoxide and seven per cent less NOx. The addition of an Emanox/Johnson Matthey catalyst gave particulate reductions of 71 per cent, CO down a massive 78 per cent and total hydrocarbons down 65 per cent. Fuel used was Greenergy's City Diesel and Shell's Reduced Sulphur Diesel.

CBW

▼ Coach

'Dangerous' belts shock

They may be OK for coaches - claim

WARNINGS in the press about car seatbelts created near-hysteria in Wales... but experts say the belts are legal and may be perfectly safe.

The Belt Up School Kids (BUSK) campaign drew local newspaper attention to a number of school coaches fitted with Fiat belts, fully EU approved for cars, and claimed them to be illegal and potentially dangerous.

As a result of the press reports, one small, family coach operation removed £1,700-worth of the belts and planned re-

By Mark Williams

fitting the vehicles.

But one major manufacturer, who did not want to be named, said the belts — though expressly approved for cars — may reach coach standards, and the Vehicle Inspectorate confirmed it could not fail such belts in a safety check unless they were badly worn.

"Just because Fiat have got these belts approved for car use does not mean they are not suitable for coach use," said the industry expert. "That depends on where



Belts' suitability depends on various factors

they were designed to be anchored, among other factors."

A certificate of conformity supplied with the belts correctly identifies them and promises that they meet C&U regulations 46/47 if fitted by the company.

"As has been said before, certificates of conformity for retro-fitted belts may be worthless in

real terms," said the industry expert.

"The only certificate which would reassure me, if I operated coaches, would be a certificate of insurance."

Transport minister Steve Norris is due to meet BUSK and other interested parties on 15 July, when the 'loopholes' of his new legislation will be discussed at length.

▼ Coach

Green light for Jackies Coaches

GLOUCESTERSHIRE company Jackies Coaches has been given the green light again, after allegations it had put unsafe vehicles on the road.

Jackies had been fined £600 in May after spot checks showed serious vehicle defects. It runs 10 vehicles, many on school runs, and the action led to the cancellation of some school contracts.

Deputy traffic commissioner for the Western Traffic Area, John Robins, said he was now satisfied the company was fit to run a service: "This is a good operator who had a difficult period that blotted its copybook," said a Jackies spokesman. **CBW**

**Bigger,
Brighter,
Better and
now in
Birmingham**



**INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXHIBITION
FOR THE BUS • COACH • TOURISM AND
RELATED INDUSTRIES**

**OCT. 1, 2, 3, '96 HALL 3, NATIONAL EXHIBITION
CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM**

SHOW ORGANISERS

**EXPO MANAGEMENT, Unit 2, Wildmere Road, Compton Park, Banbury, Oxon OX16 7JT.
Tel: 01926 888123 Fax: 01926 888004**

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

SAFETEX
The seat belt manufacturers

**01372
451272**

Units 16/17, Bookham Industrial Park,
Church Road, Bookham, Surrey KT23 3EU
Fax: 01372 451282

SJ CARLTON

SECOND TO NONE

SJ SUPERDEAL



Scania Elite K113 Plaxton Paramount 3500, 1992, 7 speed manual GR801 comfort shift gearbox, ABS, road speed governor, variable top speed limiter, exhaust brake, knee facility, ferry lift, autolube, electric retarder, Webasto heating, inswinging entrance door. Central continental door, centre toilet, half rear emergency door, 3 roof vents, forced air ventilation, aircraft lockers, crew compartment, grey moquette, 49 reclining seats, centre gangway carpet, double glazed, side curtains, rear curtains, side blinds, aluminium wheels, Blaupunkt radio/PA system, repainted white 2 pack. MoT 13.09.96.

SJ SUPERDEAL



DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee, 1989, 49 seats, Webasto, drivers bunk, double glazed, foot rests, seat back nets, water boiler, fridge, curtains, carpets, wired for TV and video, sunken centre toilet, continental door, repainted white 2 pack. MoT 09.12.96.

SJ SUPERDEAL



Renault S56 Perkins, 1987 & 1989, automatic gearbox, Alexander body, 25 seats and 8 standees. Long MoTs.

SJ SUPERDEAL

DAF Van Hool LD SB2300, 1990, ZF 6 speed Splitter gearbox, 49 reclining seats, centre continental door, toilet, servery unit, double glazed, curtains, TV/video, radio/PA/cassette, interior brown/orange, exterior white/green. New MoT.

SJ SUPERDEAL

Volvo B10M Mk II Van Hool Alizee, 1989, 273 BHP, ZF 6 speed S690 manual gearbox, Telma retarder, exhaust brake, autolube, road speed governor, variable top speed limiter, ferry lift, plug entrance door, half rear emergency exit, double glazed side windows with blinds, rear screen curtains, Isringhausen drivers seat, courier seat, 53 reclining seats, lap belts, Radiomobile radio/PA system, 3 roof air vents, forced air ventilation. Choice of 3, retrimmed and repainted white. Variable MoTs.

SJ SUPERDEAL

Volvo B10M Mk III Van Hool Alizee, 1991, 273 bhp, ZF HP5000 automatic gearbox, internal retarder, ABS, road speed governor, variable top speed limiter, autolube, ferry lift, knee facility, plug entrance door, centre continental door, half rear emergency exit, double glazed side windows with blinds, rear screen curtains, Isringhausen drivers seat, courier seat, crew compartment, 49 reclining seats, lap belts, brown/orange moquette, mid section servery/fridge, toilet, Radiomobile radio/PA system, 2 roof air vents, forced air ventilation. Choice of 2 brown/orange, repainted white 2 pack. Variable MoTs.

SJ SUPERDEAL



Setra Tornado 215 HD, 1982, MAN engine, ZF 7 speed gearbox, Voith retarder, 49 reclining seats & courier seat, centre sunken toilet with continental door, Webasto heating, Sutak air conditioning, servery unit with water boiler, front mounted fridge, radio/PA/cassette system, 2 TV monitors and video, drivers bunk, drivers door with wardrobe and central locking, retrimmed and repainted white. MoT 06.12.96.

SJ SUPERDEAL



Leyland Tiger L10, 1989, Alexander service bus bodies, Cummins L10 ZF automatic, 55 seats & 24 standees, painted white. MoT 30.08.96

SJ SUPERDEAL

Leyland Tiger Plaxton Paramount 3500, 1987, 6 speed ZF gearbox, 51 reclining seats plus courier, grey/red moquette, maroon curtains, double glazed, o/s rear continental door, o/s toilet, TV/video, radio/PA, drinks, fridge. MoT 22.02.97.

SJ SUPERDEAL

Leyland Tiger Van Hool (H) Alizee, 1985, ZF 6 speed gearbox, 48 reclining seats and courier, TV/video, red/orange moquette, n/s floor mounted toilet, rear floor servery, fridge, (no continental door). MoT 01.03.97.

SJ SUPERDEAL

Setra S215H, 1982, Mercedes V8, ZF 6 speed gearbox, 53 reclining seats plus crew, Voith retarder, rear continental door, Webasto, radio/pa/cassette, wired for TV and video, livery white, maroon and black, interior blue seats, pink stripe, red curtains. MoT 30.04.97.

SJ SUPERDEAL

Volvo B10M Van Hool Alizee, 1988, ZF 6 speed gearbox, 52 reclining seats, air conditioning, blinds, double glazed, centre continental door, Webasto, centre toilet, radio/pa system, drinks, fridge, livery silver, grey/red. MoT 20.03.97.

SJ SUPERDEAL

Volkswagen L55 Optare City Pacer, 1988, manual gearbox, 25 seats, power door, auxiliary heater, livery blue/white. MoT 18.01.97.

SJ UPDATE

New Neoplan Deals
from immediate stock or new build

Neoplan Skyliner

V8 Twin Turbo Mercedes 381 bhp,
77 seats and crew – air conditioning.

Neoplan Cityliner

V8 Twin Turbo Mercedes 381 bhp,
49/50 seats and crew – air conditioning.

Neoplan Jetliner

Mercedes V6 290 bhp,
35 seats and crew – air conditioning.

Neoplan Transliner

Cummins GX 300 Euro II,
49 seats and crew – air conditioning option.

Neoplan Touring Coaches:

Unmistakable in Design, Unparalleled in Comfort.

We welcome part exchange coaches.

SJ Carlton Limited

Carlton House, Euroway Estate, Hellaby,
Rotherham, South Yorkshire S66 8QL

Telephone: 01709 700600

Fax: 01709 700007

NEOPLAN
U.K. CONCESSIONAIRE

▼ Cover story

Drive by wire

Conventional vehicle uses electronic guidance

HANDS-FREE bus driving is one step closer with the demonstration of a drive-by-wire system fitted to an Optare Prisma-bodied Mercedes-Benz 0405 city bus in Newcastle upon Tyne.

It's a world first for a conventional bus using an electronic guidance system. There are no high kerbs and the vehicle can be switched from normal driving to hands-free at the touch of an in-cab button.

CBW experienced the system at first hand on the Quayside test track, where speeds up to 50 mph can be achieved. The bus runs round a circuit which includes passing loops, S-bend and corners of radii down to 13 metres.

It follows two wires buried in the road surface with such accuracy that docking at bus stops can be achieved within an 8 mm tolerance.

In less than five months, this test circuit was constructed and the bus equipped. At the end of February 1996 Tyne & Wear Development Corporation (TWDC) awarded a contract to AEG, a Mercedes-Benz sister company within the Daimler-Benz group, to supply an electronic guidance system for

By Mike Morgan

testing and demonstration purposes as a precursor to the proposed Riverside Transit System.

This project, jointly funded by TWDC and the European Union's LIFE fund, built on the guidance technology used successfully in the service tunnel transport system in the Channel Tunnel.



Antenna tracks wires

After fitting the system to the Optare Prisma, testing started in mid-May, with Stagecoach Busways providing drivers.

A comprehensive test programme to confirm the system's technical characteristics and to determine its suitability for the Riverside project is being conducted by independent

technical consultants, BAESEMA. AEG project manager, David Powell, told CBW that the tests had been highly successful and feedback from drivers encouraging.

It is intended that power for a fully operational system would be drawn from lamp-posts. Frequency generators create a magnetic field which is picked up from the two wires buried in the road surface by an antenna fitted under the front of the bus. As the position of the bus relative to the wires is fed to a computer, steering is activated through a separate hydraulic system.

Its accuracy is unnerving and the bus can be driven at comfortable speed, leaving the driver to operate brakes and accelerator.

At excessive speed a buzzer gives advance warning that the driver must slow down otherwise the vehicle is about to detach itself.

However, there is sufficient 'feel', enabling the driver to sense when the bus is being pushed to the limits of the magnetic adhesion. Once locked on to the magnetic field it is very difficult for drivers to take over the steering... the system retains control during simulated emergency stops.

Flexibility is one of the key advantages over kerbed guidance. A switch instantly disconnects the bus from the system, enabling the driver to negotiate obstacles or deviate from the route.

Testing included the angle of approach to the wires. Drivers soon learn the speed at which the system can be picked up.

Because electronic guidance does not rely on



Docking at bus stops within 8 mm tolerance

expensive infrastructure, Mr Powell expects it to offer cost advantages over alternative systems.

He says the technology lends itself to signalling and control techniques typically associated with light-rail systems. These can be as elementary as basic signalling or as ambitious as the two-way

transmission of data from on-board sensors and the relay of passenger information.

The next steps are to seek legal powers for the proposed route of the Riverside project under the Transport and Works Act and to put the operation of the service out to tender.

CBW



Hands-free operation at touch of a button



Switch to different frequency at passing loops

▼ Licence

No return tickets...

A COMPANY which has won a Home Office contract for the carriage of prisoners succeeded in obtaining a PSV operator's licence at a Birmingham public inquiry.

Premier Prison Services Ltd, of Centennial Court, East Hampstead Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, had applied for a new standard national licence authorising the operation of 12 minibuses.

Transport manager David Corbally said that the maintenance of the vehicles was being contracted out to Wincanton Transport. Nine of the vehicles would be based at Wednesbury

Mr Corbally said he was a former policeman and had experience of operating vehicles with Group 4

and three at Kidderminster. They were all specially constructed new vehicles.

Questioned by the West Midland Deputy Traffic Commissioner Roger Seymour, Mr Corbally said he was a former policeman and had experience of operating vehicles with Group 4.

He undertook to have the vehicles inspected every six weeks, to use a flow chart to show when inspections were due, to introduce a nil drivers' daily defect reporting system and that no vehicle would be used until every safety-related defect had been repaired.

▼ Drivers' hours

Split service test case on

A CASE in which Carlisle Magistrates are being asked to decide what constitutes an extract from a duty roster, and whether a regular service longer than 50 kilometres can be provided by linking a number of local service registrations, thus avoiding the necessity to comply with the EC drivers' hours rules, has been adjourned until September.

Initially, Northumbria Motor Services Ltd, of 6 Portland Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Western Scottish Omnibus Ltd, of Nursery Avenue, Kilmarnock, were charged with failing to cause drivers to carry an extract from the duty roster. However, the prosecution sought leave to amend the charges of aiding and abetting drivers to fail to carry an extract from the duty roster.

Three Northumbria Motor Service drivers, Paul Guthrie, of Rolands Gill, Tyne & Wear; John Dean, Corbridge, Northumberland; and Peter Endacott, Prudhoe, Northumberland; and one Western Scottish driver, Alistair Carmichael, Dumfries, each face one charge of failing to carry an extract from the duty roster.

Prosecuting for the DoT Vehicle Inspectorate, Michael Fisher said that the case against the Northumbria Motor Services drivers was basically that on journeys between Newcastle and Carlisle they failed to carry an extract from the duty roster.

In the case of Western Scottish, it involved a journey between Dumfries and Carlisle.

The law surrounding the operation of such services was largely governed by EC Regulations. Those regulations required regular passenger services over

Court urged to look at each individual small



Northumbria and Western Scottish claim linked local service registrations

50 kilometres to have a service timetable and duty roster drawn up by the operating company. It had to be signed by someone in authority, show the name of the driver and the operating base, and schedule the periods of work for the current, preceding and following weeks. Each driver assigned to such a service had to carry an extract of the duty roster and the timetable with him.

Traffic examiners checked the four drivers at Carlisle Bus Station on 28 November. The prosecution were saying that the services were over 50 kilometres in length and therefore subject to the EC Regulations. The issues in the cases were, firstly, what constituted an extract from a duty roster? Each driver had a diary in which was shown his periods of work. The prosecution were saying that that was not an extract from a duty roster. Secondly, whether the

by Michael Jewell

journeys on which the drivers were engaged were over 50 kilometres? The defence would suggest that the journeys concerned were split into smaller journeys, and that the EC Regulations did not apply as the Court should look at each individual small journey.

Opposing the application to amend the summonses, Christopher Hough, defending both companies and Mr Carmichael, said the magistrates had to decide whether it was in the interests of justice to do so.

Both companies had been operating the services concerned since the 1930's. The Newcastle to Carlisle service had a potential 200 stopping places and had a journey time of over 2½ hours. The service had always been governed by the British domestic hours rules. In

1978 the EC Regulations came into effect, but under the road service licensing system, the Government allowed routes to be split. Separate licences had been held for the sections of route Newcastle to Hexham, Hexham to Haltwistle, and Haltwistle to Carlisle. Each of those stages was less than 50 kilometres, and the service continued to operate under the domestic hours rules. In 1985 the National Bus Company was privatised and various bits sold off, and there was no longer road service licensing. The company had to apply to the Traffic Commissioner for local registered bus services, and the Commissioner granted local service registrations with exactly the same split.

Nobody thought that there was anything wrong with the arrangement until suddenly these drivers were checked at Carlisle Bus Station.

back burner

journey



ons are Domestic driving

It was a case of absolutely vital importance to the bus industry, said Mr Hough. Many operators operated services in this manner. The terminal points were taken as the service in question for the purpose of the EC Regulations. The Court's decision would have a profound effect on the industry. If such services moved from the Domestic hours regulations to the EC hours regulations, they would have to be re-timetabled.

There was more certainty about the domestic hours rules, which was exactly what operators wanted for these kind of services.

It would be better if the issue was decided by discussion between the CPT and the DoT. The situation was that the prosecution were now saying that something the two companies had been happily doing since the 1930's was now a criminal offence.

The sense of injustice felt was very considerable. They had been given no opportunity to put their house in order, or of discussing whether they even needed to.

The prosecution had accepted that the original charge against the two companies did not exist and were now seeking to amend. They should not be allowed to, said Mr Hough. It would be unfair on the defendants given the background and history. The prosecution were now alleging a completely different offence. Aiding and abetting was a considerably more serious offence than causing. All sorts of completely new issues were raised by the new charges.

In reply, Mr Fisher said the prosecution were not alleging a different offence but a different way of committing it. The Court had to look at the evil that was aimed at, which was the failure by the drivers to carry an extract of the duty roster.

Splitting the services was an artificial device, maintained Mr Fisher. He pointed out that the passengers could pay through fares from Newcastle to Carlisle, and that was clearly more than 50 kilometres. The prosecution view was that the services were bound by the EC Regulations and discussions would not make any difference. It was better for everybody for there to be a case where it was said operators could or could not split services in this way, and what constituted an extract from a duty roster. It would give everybody a certainty about what was required.

Granting the prosecution leave to amend the summonses against the two companies, the magistrates adjourned the case until September for trial.

▼ Licence

Pub punch-up 'not relevant'



ZAMIR Coaches, of Burton-on-Trent, succeeded in a bid for a new PSV operator's licence after the West Midland Deputy Traffic Commissioner, Alan Catell, was satisfied that Andre Al Hamid would play no part in the business.

Mr Al Hamid's brother, Nasir Zamir, and his brother in law, Masaud Khan, trading as Zamir Coaches, of 190 Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, had applied for a restricted licence authorising the operation of two minibuses.

In December 1993, the 14 vehicle licence held by Mr Al Hamid, trading as Burton Bus Co, was revoked by Deputy Traffic Commissioner Roger Seymour because he was not satisfied that Mr Al Hamid had adequate finance to maintain his buses in a safe condition, or tax and insure them properly. (CBW 25 December 1993.) Mr Al Hamid is the son of Mohammed Zamir, whose own 14 vehicle licence was revoked at the same time that Mr Al Hamid's licence was granted in July 1993. (CBW, 7 August 1993.)

At the commencement of a Birmingham public inquiry, Mr Cattell said that there were three matters of concern. Firstly, the accounts produced did not give sufficient information to establish that there was sufficient finance. Secondly, there was a conviction for assault recorded against Mr Zamir, which he had failed to notify to the Commissioner. Thirdly, there was some concern about the involvement of Mr Al Hamid in the operation.

After Mohsin Afsar, for the firm, had said that there were no convictions against the partners relating to motoring offences, Mr Catell pointed out the as Mr Zamir would be doing some of the driving, a

conviction for assault was even more relevant.

In reply to Mr Catell, Mr Zamir said they proposed running a private hire business and do some contract work for schools. He had not had any involvement in PSV work before. They did not have any vehicles at the moment. He proposed buying a 15-seater, something like a Mercedes-Benz, for which he was proposing to pay £8,000 to £10,000. The vehicle would be maintained by a commercial garage, with inspections being carried out at intervals of four weeks.

Mr Afsar said that Mr Zamir had lodged £15,000 in a client account with his firm, and he understood that Mr Zamir had further finance to match that. Mr Zamir worked for McVit-

Mr Zamir gave an undertaking that Mr Al Hamid would not be involved in the business in any way

ties, earning about £200 a week, and Mr Khan was working part time as a hackney carriage driver earning £30 to £50 a week. Mr Khan might well be given a contract of employment and be paid for the work he did for Zamir Coaches.

He was not necessarily a partner in the financial sense. He was in the business because of his good record and to help Mr Zamir as much as he could. Mr Khan was fully aware that as a joint applicant he would be fully responsible for what happened in the coaching business.

After Mr Catell had pointed out that Mr Zamir had estimated that the ve-

hicle would do 70,000 miles a year, Mr Afsar said that to start with he thought that 20,000 miles a year would be more realistic. They were going to start by doing some night-club runs and see what contracts they could pick up. There was planning permission for the coaches to be parked at 190 Uxbridge Street without any problems. Both Mr Khan and Mr Zamir proposed taking the CPC course.

Questioned about the conviction for assault in 1994, Mr Zamir said that the incident took place at a football match when he was playing for a local pub. A fight occurred between two players which he tried to break up. All three of them were convicted of assault. He thought the fine was about £250.

Conceding that the original application form had been completed by Mr Al Hamid, Mr Afsar said that Mr Al Hamid was now in Sheffield and had nothing to do with the business. He would have no influence on the business whatsoever.

Mr Zamir gave an undertaking that Mr Al Hamid would not be involved in the business in any way.

Mr Afsar said that Mr Zamir and Mr Khan were trying to set up a new venture and they understood their responsibilities in regard to maintaining vehicles.

Granting the application for two vehicles not exceeding 16 seats, Mr Catell said that he was satisfied about the financial standing and that the conviction for assault was not particularly relevant to the operation of public service vehicles. He was happy to accept the undertaking that Mr Al Hamid would not have any part in the business, and he wished the two men well in their new venture.

▼ Europe

Disney direct by rail

EUROSTAR has launched daily high-speed rail services direct to the gates of Disneyland Paris.

Specially-themed services on the passenger only services from London Waterloo and Ashford to Chessy Marne-la-Vallée — yards from Disneyland gates — take three hours.

Passengers using the once-a-day service at Waterloo will be able to use dedicated automated check-in gates and collect hotel keys, park passes and vouchers in the departures lounge. Passengers boarding at Ashford will be given keys, passes and vouchers onboard the train.

Children will be given a Disney fun pack containing a hat, 'passport book', stickers, games and puzzles.

Special catering and entertainment facilities can be arranged for group travel. Each train is given a Disney welcome at Chessy Marne-la-Vallée and luggage is transferred to hotels.

Although theoretically a competing service, Eurostar Disneyland direct does offer package



Specially-themed services run once a day

opportunities for coach operators.

"At the end of the day, it's about bums on seats," said one leading UK coach operator.

"And it doesn't matter whether you take them to Waterloo, Timbuktu or outer Mongolia, if you can persuade them that your package is better, more convenient, better value than others."

Disneyland Paris is selling family packages from £129 per person, which includes return Eurostar train travel, two days unlimited park entry and one night's hotel accommodation with breakfast.

Non-package prices include a standard return for one adult and one child of £119 or £238 for a family of two adults and two children under 12.

The 18-coach, 770-seat Eurostar train leaves Waterloo at 9.23am (9.10am on Sundays), calls at Ashford at 10.23am before travelling non-stop to Marne-la-Vallée at 1.28pm. The return train leaves Disneyland Paris at 6.35pm and arrives at Waterloo at 8.39pm.

The new service will operate until 28 September. Eurostar says it will be re-introduced on a permanent basis next April.

▼ UK

Noel's op

OPERATORS may have the chance to get up, up and away with Noel Edmonds this Autumn when the TV personality hosts an open day for the coach tourism industry at Britain's first TV leisure park, Crinkley Bottom at Cricket St Thomas.

The park — on the A30 between Chard and Crewkerne, in Somerset — has been the base for Noel's Crinkley Bottom village for two years and has proved a popular day trip destination for groups from the Midlands and Wales.

Now Noel wants to

Crinkley Bottom's spe

by William Golden

give operators across the country an in-depth look at the attractions on offer and will host the coach operators' day on Sunday, 22 September. And weather permitting, one operator may get the chance to win a helicopter ride with him.

Stephen Taylor, Cricket St Thomas director, said: "We are putting together plans to show coach operators what Crinkley Bottom is all about. It really is a one-stop day out. There

▼ UK

Discover Yorkshire

Coach Tourism Council (CTC) operator members who want to find out more about the delights of Yorkshire still have time to book a place on the CTC's familiarisation trip to the county this Autumn..

The trip is from Friday to Sunday, 6-8 September, and includes visits to the Meadowhall shopping centre; the

Treak Cliff Cavern, in Castleton; Denby Pottery; the Royal Armouries in Leeds; and Chatsworth House. Accommodation will be in the Swallow Hotel, Rotherham.

More information from Margaret Palmer, of David Palmer Coaches, on 01924 895849 (fax 01924 897750).

▼ UK

Slower going to the West Country

COACHES heading for the West Country should be advised that work started at the beginning of the month on the M5 between junctions 18 and 19, near Bristol.

A contraflow will be in operation while work continues as part of a long-term project to strengthen, widen and reconstruct this section of motorway.

Mike Norcott, the Highways Agency

project manager, said: "The M5 is a popular holiday route to the south-west, so delays can be expected at peak periods.

"A 50mph speed limit, monitored by CCTV cameras, will be in operation and there will be a free vehicle recovery service through the contraflow.

The work is part of a £50 million contract which began in June 1995 and is

expected to be completed by the Autumn of 1998.

● STRUCTURAL problems have led to the temporary closure of part of Pierrepont Street, in Bath, which will cause congestion in the city centre, particularly in the vicinity of the abbey. Coach operators are being urged to avoid setting-down and picking-up in the centre and use the Avon Street coach park.

en house

cial day for operators

is so much to do and see here that coach operators and group travel organisers can make us the only stop on their itinerary."

There is discounted admission for parties, with one free entrance for every 20 paying visitors, plus special concessions for handicapped groups, schools, playgroups and mother and toddler groups.

Attractions include a water ride, a Beach-watch sea lion show, a scenic train ride and a



Host: Noel Edmonds

Chinese water garden.

For more information about the open day, contact Mr Taylor on 01460 30755.

▼ Europe

Spreading wings

ALBATROSS Travel Group, the Kent-based wholesaler, has spread its wings and opened a northern sales office. Alice Gibbs, who will be running the new operation in Buxton, Derbyshire, has extensive experience in the travel trade and has spent the last few years in wholesaling.

Operators can contact her on 01298 73747.



Time travel: Tony Farrell (left) presents the photograph to Bill Maxwell in front of the inaugural 1958 Wallace Arnold coach

▼ Europe

Partnership in the frame

A SPECIAL presentation has been made to Wallace Arnold by North Sea Ferries, the Hull-based operator, to mark the coach company's 30-year partnership.

Tony Farrell, North Sea Ferries' UK passenger sales and marketing manager, made the trip to Leeds to present a framed photograph to Bill Maxwell, Wallace Arnold's marketing director.

It shows Wallace

Arnold's recent 10-coach trip to Amsterdam — the largest number of one company's coaches on any sailing during North Sea Ferries' 30 years of operation — and was presented against a backdrop of the 1958 Wallace Arnold coach, which was the first to travel on the ferry operator's Hull-Rotterdam route in 1965.

Mr Farrell said: "We are delighted to have maintained such excellent relations with

Wallace Arnold for more than 30 years. The great success of the record 10-coach trip has encouraged us to get together to run a series of departures at the end of the year and early in 1997."

"I am confident that the Yorkshire public in particular will take advantage of what will be extremely competitively-priced programmes on our overnight cruises to Holland and Belgium."

CBW

Eurowatch

WEATHER

City	Average temperature last week	City	Average temperature last week
Amsterdam	17C/63F	Madrid	30C/86F
Athens	30C/86F	Oslo	13F/55F
Berlin	21C/70F	Paris	72C/72F
Brussels	18C/64F	Rome	24C/75F
Dublin	15C/59F	Stockholm	14C/57F
Lisbon	24C/75F	Vienna	25C/77F
Luxembourg	15C/59F	Zurich	22C/72F

DIESEL PRICES

(Courtesy AA Roadwatch)

Country	Diesel price per litre in Sterling	Country	Diesel price per litre in Sterling
Austria	0.57	Luxembourg	0.43
Belgium	0.52	Netherlands	0.53
Eire	0.54	Norway	0.73
France	0.52	Portugal	0.46
Germany	0.51	Spain	0.46
Greece	0.42	Sweden	0.63
Italy	0.59	Switzerland	0.61

HOLIDAY POUND

Country	Currency exchange rate	Country	Currency exchange rate
Austria	16.09 Sch/£	Italy	2,335 Lire/£
Belgium	47.30 BFr/£	Netherlands	2.58 Gld/£
Denmark	8.91 K/£	Norway	9.86 NKr/£
Eire	0.95 Punt/£	Portugal	238 Es/£
France	7.75 F/£	Spain	193.40 Pta/£
Germany	2,3025 DM/£	Sweden	10.20 SKr/£
Greece	364.50 D/£	Switzerland	1.89 SFr/£

Mercedes Classique
conversions



Mercedes Nouvelle
midicoach

'Prestige with Profit'

Would you benefit from:

- Reduced costs and increased profits
- Greater reliability and durability from your chassis/bodywork combination
- Improved image and more repeat business.....
- High quality service support when you need it.....
- A supplier who cares as much about your success as you do

2 years mechanical ■ warranty ■ 3 years bodywork

For more information contact Autobus on 01709 700220

Unit 5 Hellaby Lane Business Park
Hellaby, Rotherham S66 8HN



BUS & COACH MANUFACTURERS

Tel: (01709) 700220
Fax: (01709) 701530



® SMARTEN UP YOUR FLEET
WITH THE
**MOBILE
BRUSH WASHERS**

- Lightweight
- Height up to 4.3 metres
- No protective clothing needed
- Low running cost
- No planning problems
- Easy operation by drivers in 10 minutes
- Only 1.5 metres square needed for storage
- For demonstration call the Sales Office on



0151 609 1007
Fax: 0151 609 1008

Phil Stockford Garage Equipment Ltd
Unit 7, Badger Way, North Cheshire Trading Estate,
Prenton L43 3HQ

CBW
Coach and Bus Week

Reprints

Copies of articles and roadtests published in CBW can enhance your company's image and provide you with vital promotional material, exhibition handouts or direct mail inserts.

For an idea of just how cost effective reprints can be
Telephone Mike Moore on:-
01733 467145 or fax 01733 467154



EC, Domestic or both?

QA driver does five days on bus work and then works his rest day on a private hire. I understand that under mixed driving, we must not breach either the EC or the Domestic rules. Am I therefore correct in thinking that, on the day he operates the private hire, we must ensure that his daily driving and daily rest complies with the EC rules, but as he has only worked one day under EC rules his weekly rest period would come under the Domestic rules? Or must we ensure that his weekly rest also complies with the EC rules?

ED, Kent

Mixed duties do generate difficulties in working out which rules apply at any given time, and consequently ensuring compliance with two sets of rules instead of just one.

You are right on the basic point: at any time when a driver is driving he must be in compliance with the rules applicable to the type of driving he is doing.

Thus, on the days of bus work the periods of continuous driving can be longer, and the weekly rest entitlement less, than would apply to work falling in-scope of the EC rules.

However, on any day (or indeed, at any time) when work under the EC rules is being executed, it is essential that you and your driver can demonstrate that all of the EC requirements were met.

As well as the daily and continuous driving limits, this does also mean that the EC weekly rest periods have been (or will be) taken.

Consequently, in any week when even the slightest bit of EC work is done the driver must have a full weekly rest of 45 hours. Assuming that the driver is not working away from his home base, this can be reduced to 36 hours, subject to the normal EC rules on compensation, or even postponed until the following week as long as there are no more than 12 days between weekly rest periods.

While it might be possible to do 5 days on domestic work plus one on private hire in one week, or perhaps even for two or three weeks, you would then need a weekly rest of 45 hours plus the compensation which would by then become due.

Can I skip regulations?

QI am only a small operator and I do not sell any package tours on a separate seat basis, but I run about eight private party group holidays or weekend packages a year for eight different organisers. Could I get the hotels concerned to charge the organisers an inclusive price and then pay me an agreed amount for providing the coach for the group and thereby avoid all the bother of the package travel regulations?

DM, Suffolk



Arresting problem

QAbout two years ago, in answer to a question, you indicated how a driver could legally work an 18½ hour spread-over by having eight hours rest before he began work and then starting a new working day after he had taken four hours rest at the destination. I am now told that this is not legal. What is the situation?

BMcN, Tyne & Wear

I remember the question and answer very well. The answer given was correct at the time it was written but almost simultaneously with its publication the European Court of Justice delivered a judgement which declared this sort of schedule no longer lawful.

You clearly missed the corrections and explanation that appeared in CBW in the two weeks following that particular question and answer.

What the ECJ decision said was that where split daily rest is utilised, the major portion of it (at least eight hours) has to be at the end of a daily working period - not in the middle of daily work or before the work commences. Consequently, the maximum spread-over in a day is 16 hours (The maximum length of a working day of 24 hours minus eight hours of split rest). While this decision removed a considerable amount of flexibility from the hours rules, it should be remembered that it is still possible to start another working day less than 24 hours after the previous one commenced (as long as the working day contains a daily rest period).

It would, for example, be possible for a driver to start work in Newcastle at 0400 hours, and after only a short period of work to have three hours rest. He could then drive to London, taking an hours rest en route and have eight hours rest in London. This might finish at, say 2200 hours and would give him the 12 hours total rest necessary for split daily rest. At 2200 hours he could then, legally, start another working day to drive back to Newcastle.

A diary of disasters

QI enclose a catalogue of disasters relating to a new coach I purchased from a now defunct dealer. I am proposing to publish this 'diary' and would welcome your comments.

PT, Essex

What you have sent me is a truly lamentable story concerning a foreign body on a British made chassis for which no one will accept responsibility for some hair-raising defects. My view is that you would be far better engaged in taking legal advice on recovery of damages from the manufacturers (who are both still in business).

I would take the (albeit unusual) step of actually seeking a prohibition at an off-the-road inspection and use it to aid my case.

CBW

Questions



Answers

I doubt that the hoteliers would agree to do this, for it does not avoid compliance with the package tour regulations as such - it just passes the burden on to them.

They would be selling a package at an inclusive price instead of you. I doubt the wisdom of trying to duck this responsibility, but if you are intent on doing so it might be worth explaining your situation to your local trading standards officer and asking whether, in his view, a package which is tailor made for a particular group is 'pre-arranged'. The point is that the package tour regulations only apply to pre-arranged packages which are sold at an inclusive price.

While you might get the TSO to accept that it was not pre-arranged (and therefore out of scope) when you sold the package to the group organiser, the onward sale by the organiser to the individuals in the group might be held to be pre-arranged. In other words you may just be passing the burden in the other direction, i.e. to the group organiser. However, dependent on the circumstances, the group organisers might be able to claim exemption, e.g. because they only organise holidays 'occasionally'. There are also special (more relaxed) rules relating to the use of trust accounts by persons not acting other than in the course of business (Regulation 21).

Questions on coach and bus operation should be sent to:

Marksman, c/o Coach and Bus

Week, Wentworth House,

Wentworth Street,

Peterborough PE1 1DS

or fax 01733 467154

Marksman will answer more questions on 27 July 1996



From humble beginnings: Barnes celebrating 75 years

History of a village carrier

FROM a Packet of Pins is the title of a delightful book detailing 75 years of Barnes Coaches of Aldbourne.

Researched and written by Mark Child, the book covers the characters, events, vehicles and history of the company, including its enduring link with the Aldbourne Band.

The story has its roots deep in a service which for centuries was the Aldbourne community's lifeline - the village carrier.

Jimmy Martin was one of a long line of such carriers and

was occasionally helped by Thomas Dixon Barnes. In March 1920 Tommy Barnes took over and became the village carrier to Hungerford and Newbury.

Inevitable expansion into coaches followed and the company is now in the hands of third-generation Barnes, cousins Lionel and Terry. Last year, its 75th year, the fleet stood at 23 coaches.

● For a copy of *From a Packet of Pins* send £4 to Barnes Coaches, 15 The Square, Aldbourne, Marlborough SN8 2DU. Tel 01672 540330.

CBW

Just dying to see old London town

SAD to relate that the very first passenger on one of Sightseers London's new Van Hools (CBW, 6 July) died on the coach.

It was something of a shock to general manager Phil McMillan and MTL London md Iain Campbell to discover the stowaway on the coach shortly after delivery, not least because she was lying on the seat in a state of rigor mortis.

"There's a bird on the coach..." announced Mr McMillan, a Scot who, in his days at London Northern, seemed to have slipped into the London vernacular for 'woman' with consummate ease. "... with her legs in the air," he added with flair, raising a few eyebrows and causing a Van Hool UK technician to race across the yard to investigate.

Yours Truly performed the

burial rites, slinging the corpse haphazardly into the trees. It was a young, kamikaze robin, which had flown through the coach's open door.



Sightseers: a stiff on the seat

HIGH QUALITY LOW MILEAGE COACHES FROM OUR HIRE FLEET

- 1995 M EOS 90 49R, toilet, air conditioning
- 1995 M DAF SB3000 WS Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1995 M DAF SB3000 WS Auto Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1995 M DAF SB3000 WS Auto Van Hool Alizee 'H', 55R
- 1994 L EOS 90 49R, toilet
- 1994 L DAF WS3000 Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1994 L DAF KS3000 Easishift Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1994 L DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
- 1994 L DAF SB3000 Int Retarder, Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
- 1994 L DAF HS2700 Auto Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1994 L MB230LT Auto Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1993 K DAF KS3000 Auto Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
- 1993 K DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
- 1993 K DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1993 K DAF SB3000 Auto Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1993 K DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1992 J DAF SB2305 Duple 340, 57R
- 1992 J DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
- 1992 J DAF MB230LB Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1992 J DAF MB230LT Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
- 1991 H DAF SB2305 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
- 1990 G MB230LB Van Hool Alizee 'SH', 53R/Toilet
- 1990 G MB230LB Van Hool Alizee 'H'
- 1990 G DAF SB3000 Van Hool 'SH', 49/Toilet

HUGHES DAF HIRE

SHORT OF A COACH OR BUS FOR PEAK PERIODS OR SHORT TERM CONTRACTS?

Why not hire a vehicle like this by the day, week, month or year

- Under your control ●
- With your drivers ●
- With your quality of service ●

01274 681144

BUSES FROM OUR HIRE FLEET

- 1996 N DAF SB220 Auto, Northern Counties Paladin, 49 str bus
- 1995 M DAF SB220 Auto, Northern Counties Paladin, 49 str bus
- 1995 M DAF DB250 Auto, Northern Counties Palatine II, 77 str double deck bus
- 1995 M DENNIS DART Auto, 10M, Plaxton Pointer, 40 str bus
- 1992 J DAF SB220 Auto, Ikarus Citibus, 48 str bus

1989 F DAF SB2305 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 53R

- 1989 F DAF SB2305 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
- 1989 F DAF MB230LT Plaxton 3500, 51R/Toilet
- 1989 F DAF MB230LB Plaxton 3500, 53R
- 1989 F DAF MB230LB Plaxton 3500, 51R/Toilet
- 1988 E DAF SB2300 Van Hool Alizee, 51R/Toilet
- 1988 E DAF SB2300 Duple 340SL, 53R
- 1988 E DAF MB230LT Plaxton 3500, 51R/Toilet
- 1988 E DAF MB230LB Plaxton 3500, 53R

HIGH QUALITY USED COACHES

- 1995 M MERCEDES 709, Autobus Classique, 25 str, bus seats
- 1993 K MAN, Jonckheere Deauville, 51R/Toilet
- 1993 K DAF SB2700 HS, Caetano Algarve, 53R
- 1990 G VOLVO B10M Plaxton 3500, 49R/Toilet
- 1990 G DAF DHTD Duple 320, 57R
- 1989 G SCANIA K113 Van Hool Alizee 'SH', 49R/Toilet
- 1989 F DAF MB230 Van Hool Alizee 'SH', 53R/Toilet
- 1989 PP BOVA FUTURA FHD, 49R/Toilet
- 1989 SB3000 Plaxton 3500, 51/Toilet
- 1988 VOLVO B10M, Plaxton 3500, 49R/Toilet
- 1988 PP BOVA FUTURA FHD, 49R/Toilet
- 1988 E DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
- 1988 F SB3000 Van Hool Alizee SH, 49R/Toilet
- 1987 E SB2300 Plaxton 3200, 55R, air conditioned
- 1987 E DAF SB2300 Plaxton 3500, 53R, air conditioned
- 1987 D DAF SB2300 Van Hool Alizee 'H', 49R/Toilet
- 1987 D DAF SB230LB Duple 340, 53R
- 1987 D VAN HOOL T815, 51/Toilet
- 1986 C DAF MB200FL Plaxton 3500, 51R/Toilet
- 1985 B SCANIA K113 Plaxton 3500, 53R
- 1983 Y SCANIA K112 Jonckheere P50, 51R/Toilet
- 1983 Y DAF MB Plaxton 3500, 49R/Toilet

FOR FULL DETAILS TELEPHONE: 01274 681144



PARTS &
SERVICE

IKARUS
PARTS &
SERVICE

PLAXTON
PARTS &
SERVICE



DAFBUS
PARTS &
SERVICE



NORTHERN
COUNTRIES
Buses are our business

PARTS &
SERVICE

STANDARD & SPECIAL PSV REFRIGERATORS

SUPPLIED • INSTALLED • SERVICED



Bradtech are now distributors for INDEL and can offer an even wider range of standard top and front opening refrigerators for PSV applications, plus a complete design and build service for special units, water chillers and ice makers.

Both dc and ac versions are catered for using the latest 'CFC-free' refrigerants combined with proven compressor technology from Indel, Danfoss and Engel. Solid-state 'Peltier Element' coolers are also stocked.

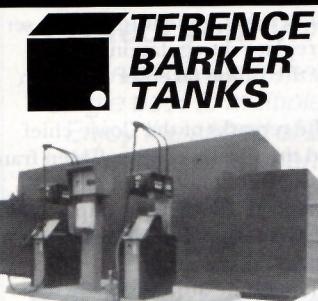
Bradtech offer a full service and repair facility for older units with most components being available 'off the shelf'.



Phone 01785 282123 Fax 01785 282558

BRADTECH for Passenger Comfort

UNIT 3, LADFORD COVERT, SEIGHFORD, STAFFORD ST18 9QD



**TERENCE
BARKER
TANKS**

**COMPLETE FUEL
INSTALLATIONS**
NEW AND REFURBISHED;
OPEN TOP OR ENCLOSED

As a long established manufacturer of Fuel Tanks and possibly the largest stockist of second hand tanks in the U.K., we are able to offer our customers the choice of new or used - refurbished or a combination of the two. All units to Environment Agency Guidelines.

**WHY PAY HUNDREDS OF
POUNDS MORE THAN
YOU HAVE TO?**

RING NOW FOR DETAILS...

(01376) 330661

**STRAITS MILL
CONVENT LANE
BOCKING · BRAINTREE
ESSEX · CM7 9RP
FAX (01376) 330665**

FOULIS FARE COLLECTION SYSTEMS

- Electronic and mechanical ticket machine sales and service
- Tickets, coin dispensers and all accessories

Contact **Ian M Foulis**

Tel/Fax: 0141 779 1444

12 Richmond Gardens, Chryston, Glasgow G69 9PA

Salvador Cuatino
NEW VEHICLES AVAILABLE FOR EARLY DELIVERY

IMMEDIATE DELIVERY



**DENNIS JAV. GX
ALGARVE II**

53 recliners

From £136,240

M.A.N. 18.370

M.A.N. 11.190

DENNIS JAVELIN 240

Algarve II 49/51 recliners from £151,317

Algarve II 35 recliners from £106,500

Porto 57 fixed seats from £109,950

IMMEDIATE DELIVERY



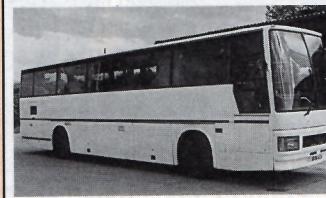
OPTIMO III GL

21 seats, power door,
tinted windows.

From £55,300

QUALITY USED COACHES

94 (M)	DENNIS JAVELIN	Premiere 320	53 recliners, double glazed
93 (L)	SCANIA K113	Premiere 350	51/53 seats, double glazed
93 (K)	DENNIS JAV 11M	Duple 320	53 recliners, power door
92 (PP)	DAF MB230	Algarve 3.5	49 seats, toilet, power door
90 (PP)	MERCEDES 0303	Charisma	49 seats, toilet, power door
87 (E)	BEDFORD YMP 10M	Plaxton 3200	35 seats, p/doors, courier seat
86 (C)	LEYLAND TIGER	Plaxton 3500	49 seats, toilet, power door



**85 (B) LEYLAND
TIGER ZF
Duple Caribbean**

48 seats, toilet,
power door

84 (A)	LEY. R. TIGER	Doyen	46 seats, toilet, double glazed
84 (A)	BEDFORD YNT	Contour	53 seats, power door
84 (A)	DAF SB	Jonckheere P50	49, rec, toilet, power door
82 (X)	FORD R1114	Plaxton	53 seats, power door
82 (X)	VOLVO B58	Duple	53 seats, Bristol Dome

MINI BUS SELECTION

93 (K)	TOYOTA	Optimo II	21 seats, power door
92 (K)	TOYOTA	Optimo II	21 seats, power door
91 (J)	TOYOTA	Optimo II	18 seats, power door
88 (F)	VW LT 55	Optare City Pacer	23 seats, power door

Full list available on request

"The Complete Service"

Salvador Cuatino



MILL LANE, HEATHER,
LEICESTERSHIRE LE67 2QE
Tel: 01530 263333
Fax: 01530 263379



The year quoted denotes the date of first registration, not necessarily the year of manufacture.

LETTER OF
THE WEEK

Time for VI to go

From anon

As one of those checked in Operation Tourist I would like to comment on your editorial 'Success, but...' (CBW, 15 June).

Upon arrival at the services, I was approached by two policemen, and a vehicle inspector. They told me they were going to check the coach, tacho's etc.

Everything went well, until the brake light check - the lights were not working.

I got under the coach and within four minutes I had found the fault. The wire at a connector had come out, so I plugged it back in, taped it up, and it worked perfectly. Meanwhile the inspector had made out a prohibition notice, banning me from moving the coach. With 49 irate passengers, the prohibi-

tion was eventually removed. But the coach had to have a new MOT within 10 days.

On arrival back at base, it was taken straight into the testing station, and it passed first time.

My point is, yes it was a defect (this could have happened at any time), yet it is a mark against the company, and a score for the Ministry totals of coaches taken off the road.

I think the time has come for the VI to go, and the testing be taken up by private garages, with authority to make roadside checks. After all, most of the inspectors are not qualified mechanics - they don't have to be - and a lot of common sense comes into it. I have a Higher National Certificate of Engineering, and yet a vehicle examiner has more power to dictate safety. From the book on

Recycling fashion

From David Holladay

Was South Wales Transport first with bikes on UK coaches (CBW, 25 May)?

Might I suggest that Clause 7(d) 'Bicycles will be carried on suitable vehicles at the driver's discretion' of the old SMT Conditions of Carriage, and the ample boot lockers on the old Y and T type coaches, have served Scotland since the early 1960's, if not even further back with their precursors.

I have increased loadings by 50 per cent on some early morning rural services, and we have had up to four bikes on a bus (eight per cent of full loading) on occasion. Good current routes are from Edinburgh to the Borders (SMT/Western 100), and a few surviving Y and T rostered routes in Fife and the North East. Even coach drivers - wise to the likes of Eastbourne with a 4.5 mile hike from the hotel to the coach park - often fling a bike in to pedal out after breakfast.

The potential for new markets is there, with the C2C cycle route (Whitehaven - Sunderland) being deluged with enquiries (7,500 from its featuring as the BA World Tourist Attraction in 1996). Many want to travel to or from their trip by public transport, and with the dearth of railways en route, this means the bus. This year the routes from Inverness to Carlisle, and Holyhead to Cardiff are also being prompted with

maps, and any way of avoiding a bike ride along the A74 (near enough suicide) is sure to be welcomed.

From research and practical experience I am working with Sue Hall of the Cyclists Tourism Club, to keep their register of operators up to date, and with Cycle Challenge bids we expect soon to test the rapid loading bike on bus (front) racks, as part of the requirements for the Dtp Vehicle Inspectorate, prior to on-road trials.

As an alternative the provision of secure all-day cycle parking for bus stations, at sensible cost, is another widely popular UK solution, covered in the TRB 'Report Bicycles and Transit' published in 1994, and descriptive of the various schemes operating and the benefits and shortcomings.

As an aside I am researching anecdotes - and history for the old faithful Y

types, which all the former SMT companies continue to turn out in smart and clean livery, albeit that of their new owners, or an advertiser. Let me know of any fond memories or historic events in the life of the bus - which appears on

the Scottish postcard as regularly as a Routemaster in a London scene.

Meantime my folded Brompton (600 x 600 x 300 mm) in its bag is a regular sight on Citylink, Silver Choice, and other services around the UK, as I do my little bit for cultural change.

David Holladay
Transportation Management Solutions
Glasgow

Write to: The Editor

Coach and Bus Week

EMAP Automotive Publishing

Wentworth House

Wentworth Street

Peterborough PE1 1DS

or fax 01733 467154



Keep those letters rolling in. If requested, we will publish them anonymously, but always include your full name (ie first name and surname), address and telephone number

CORGI
CLASSICS



Letter of the week wins a
Corgi Classics model bus

checks he has to go by, a lot of it is down to discretion.

Name and address supplied

Franchising enthusiasm

From Roger Sexton

As a firm believer that franchising of bus services should replace deregulation, I was heartened by the Cowie takeover of British Bus.

Both the remarks of the Cowie chief executive and the success of Grey-Green franchised operations in London seem to indicate that Britain's third largest group would be perfectly happy to operate under a franchising regime.

What then of the attitude of the two largest groups? I note with considerable interest that both Stagecoach and Firstbus are bidding for SWEBUS, Sweden's largest bus operator.

On my visits to Sweden I have been impressed by the quality of its bus services, especially the comfort of the vehicles used. In Sweden almost all local public transport is run under contract to regional transport authorities known as "Lanstrafiken". Contracts are "gross cost" and usually last four/five years.

SWEBUS has just lost a large number of contracts in rural Skaraborg to a consortium of 43 small operators trading as "Buss i Vast".

Despite this setback, our two biggest groups wish to enter the Swedish franchised market.

I sincerely hope that they would show a similar enthusiasm for a British franchised market.

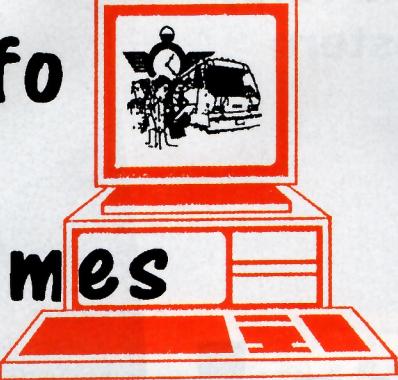
Roger Sexton
Senior lecturer in law
Nottingham Trent University

Your passengers won't go anywhere without

Information.

BusInfo
and
BusTimes

can help you to supply it.



On paper and on screen, timetable information for passengers & staff.

Figurehead Data Systems

Felindre, Swansea, SA5 7PP

Tel: 01792-883155 Fax: 01792-884934

Scottish Agent: 01786-822974

Protect your investment with RCS

Reservation Systems which grow with you from single user to multiple sites with remote dial in.

Enjoy the speed of DOS with the flexibility of Windows plus open access to all your data.

See us at EXPO COACH 96
1st-3rd October at the NEC Birmingham

RCS Supertours

Powerful Tour Reservation System, ideal for all levels of business from small operators up to large corporates.

- * Simple and friendly to use.
- * Powerful management reports.
- * Links to Sage and Microsoft Office.
- * Mailsort sortation included in basic system.
- * Optional Rapid Addressing available.



RCS Stagecoach

Coach hire and contract booking system with integrated sales ledger.

- * Extremely simple to use.
- * Powerful management reports.
- * Flexible diary based system.



ROEVILLE COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Tel: 01302 841333

S J Carlton wanted the best glass service available for their customers.

NEOPLAN

So they turned to the best glass service available.



When S J Carlton decided to appoint a third party distributor for Neoplan glass, they wanted to be certain that their customers would receive the best all-round service available.

Therefore, there was only one natural choice.

PSV Glass undoubtedly provides the best glass stocking and distribution arrangements, tuned to meet the needs of UK operators.

With its next day, nationwide delivery service from the largest dedicated storage facility in Europe, PSV Glass has been entrusted with the sole distribution of Neoplan-sourced glass.

And that has to be good news for everyone.

Because, when it comes to supplying glass to UK coach and bus operators, PSV Glass is the real McCoy.

SJ CARLTON
A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

PSV GLASS

Ensuring that Neoplan operators get the best glass service going.

S J Carlton: 01709 700600
PSV Glass: 01494 533131

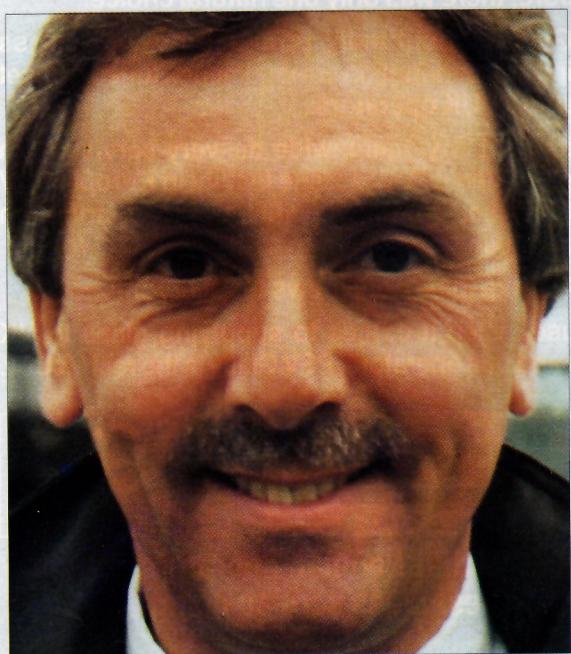
Eavesway Travel's Mike Eaves set his sights on upping the hire rate for top-quality vehicles, and achieved it. Andy Jarosz talks to this north-western operator

The secret of success

which brings a fine job
nights and of business
business from all over the

OPERATING a high-specification coach fleet is a difficult enough job in the current recessionary times, but expanding when competition on rates is at fever pitch must be nigh impossible.

If you have a large fleet in the Home Counties with access to top-rate incoming tour work, all well and good.



Mike Eaves: went for quality and upgraded

But to achieve the feat in deepest Lancashire, within a space of less than ten years, has been Mike Eaves' task at Eavesway Travel... which has gone from a steady, if not outstanding coach company, into a growing and thriving high-quality operation with a reputation to match.

Eavesway Travel was recently in the news when it took delivery of a Van Hool-bodied executive coach specially designed as a team coach for Everton football club, with a myriad of accessories and refinements which will be the envy of many exec coach operators (*CBW*, 15 June).

What is not generally known, however, is that the entire Eavesway fleet of 12 coaches boasts

executive refinements, with an absolute minimum standard of recliners, toilet, servery and Continental door applying to all. Three coaches are dedicated to football league team transport, four are air conditioned, and there is a thirteenth coach — an 18-seat Toyota Optimo — which may not boast executive refinements, but is equally popular with customers.

Based in Ashton-in-Makerfield, Greater Manchester, no more than a mile from Shearings Holidays' main depot at Bryn, the family firm is now managed and controlled by Mike Eaves, grandson of the founder, who started the coach firm in the 1930s. Mike's father Ernest still works in the office as does his cousin Phil, and both parents hold a minority interest in the firm.

The grandfather and his brother were both miners, who preferred daylight working with general haulage and coach operation, and the company grew in size, though not necessarily importance, by running contracts, day trips and school trips, as did most companies in those days.

At one time, two depots were owned, and two travel agencies operated. The filling station on the current site was also operated commercially, and some of the long associations with current customers were formed... Everton FC for example, having been continuously served for 25 years.

The real changes came at the end of the 1980s. The fleet size had dropped down to seven, and the fleet mix included DAF, Volvo and Leyland chassis, bodied by three different manufacturers. Mike decided to go for quality, and upgrade the fleet just as the full force of the





economic slump

hit the North West. He focussed on the DAF/Van Hool combination, with every new vehicle purchased carrying Alizee bodywork.

"The thinking behind it was that if we could do the job correctly, with professional drivers, we should be able to charge realistic rates to enable us to invest in a modern fleet," he said. "Hire rates are still not good enough to keep pace with costs, but if you avoid the work that brings in small margins, you're part of the way there." In Eavesway's case, with coach prices up by around 12 per cent in the last six years and hire rates up by around six per cent, better utilisation is the only answer to the widening gap.

Today's fleet consists of eleven Alizee-bodied DAFs, dating back to 1987, with an average fleet age of just four years. The company is evaluating a new EOS for the next six months, with a view to purchasing it if the Alizee goes out of production.

"If they keep building the Alizee, we'll be happy to buy it," said Mr Eaves, "But I'm a bit wary of the T9 Acron, if it becomes a replacement."

While saying that he has an open mind about everything, and is constantly on the lookout for new opportunities, Mike says that there is certain work he will not take on. He gave up working for tour operators many years ago, when rates were being squeezed, and he doesn't take on school trips. He doesn't tender for local contract work, and has not been tempted into trying to run buses.

The ancillary activities have been cut down, with

the Ashton travel agency having been sold to Monks, and the current garage site being sold a year ago. A small ABTA travel agency is operated at the base, where the office is, but the majority of tour and excursion bookings come in from a chain of agents.

The tour programme has been reduced drastically in recent years, with only 12 departures in the 1996 brochure, but there is a healthy, ongoing programme of day excursions, London weekenders and theatre excursions.

Most work is self-generated, with private parties and corporate hires high on the business agenda. Football team coaches and supporters excursions are a long standing mainstay, with Everton, Bolton Wanderers, Tranmere Rovers, Chester and Wigan using team coaches, as do some Rugby League teams.

The biggest growth has come from incoming business work, much of it through Manchester Airport, but other prestige business such as Euro 96 team work is regularly won.

Mike attributes a lot of praise to Hughes DAF for constant support in the supply of vehicles, both for the fleet and for short term hires.

"Their total package of support and back-up is superb," he said. But ultimately, it's Mike's 13 drivers, each with his allocated coach and the service manager, who are the backbone of the success story.

"The real secret of the business is the vehicles," he said. "Take a look at the oldest and then the newest. The passengers can't tell them apart and they are all in fresh-as-new condition."

'The real secret of the business is the vehicles. Take a look at the oldest and then the newest. The passengers can't tell them apart and they are all in fresh-as-new condition'

CBW



NORTHERN COUNTIES

NCT hits the bullseye

NOTTINGHAM City Transport was the first to take delivery of the new Dennis Arrow double decker and now has four fitted with Northern Counties Palatine II bodywork and badged as a Lance, which was the chassis designation before Dennis renamed it for the launch (*CBW*, 11 May).

Two are 80-seat dual-purpose vehicles in Sherwood Forest livery, and the other two have 84 standard bus seats in Notting-

ham's fleet livery of two-tone green and cream.

Alan Murray-Rust, marketing and projects manager for Nottingham City Transport, said: "Although one of the dps has been appearing regularly on the Forest park-and-ride service, the Arrows will not have a specific route allocation but will be interchangeable with our existing Volvo, Scania and Lion double deckers."



ALEXANDER

Olympian heights for London United

LONDON United Busways, one of the capital's privatised bus operating companies bought by a MEBO team, has taken delivery of 10 Volvo Olympians with Alexander R-type bodies. They replace ageing Leyland Titans on route 131 between Kingston and Wimbledon.

Chassis specification includes Volvo D10A245 engine which meets Euro 2 emissions and noise regulations

which come into force on 1 October.

Built to London Schedule X requirements, the 9.6-metre bodies can accommodate 74 seated passengers with room for 15 standees. They have single door with split level entry step.

They join LUB's 17 Alexander Royale-bodied Olympians used on London United's Airbus service from central London to Heathrow.



BOVA

Another Futura f

by Andrew Jarosz

DEWSBURY-based Yorkshire Travel has doubled its Galaxy Holidays fleet with the addition of a second Bova Futura, dedicated to operating continental tours on behalf of the Gloucester-based tour company, which sells its breaks through newspaper advertising.

The purchase follows that of a similar vehicle last year (*CBW*, 26 August), which has proved itself in the last 12 months on exclusive work for the company. The new coach how-

ever, features air-conditioning as well as the Bova Futurair heating and ventilation system, and is powered by the 320bhp DAF engine through a six-speed ZF gearbox.

Proprietor Paul Bell said that Galaxy regularly hired coaches in from operators all over the country, but these two vehicles were operated on a





OPTARE

MetroRiders strut their stuff in Limebourne's new livery

Q DRIVE subsidiary Limebourne Coaches has taken on its first LT contracted route in the capital, with the purchase of six 29-seat Optare MetroRiders to take up a five-year contract on the C10 service from Victoria to the Elephant and Castle via Pimlico and Lambeth.

Five of the six, wide-bodied, long wheelbase vehicles are required for weekday services which run from 5am until midnight. Four operate the Sunday

service which starts a little later at 7am.

Project manager Graham Cook said that the MetroRiders were the first to comply with the LT 80 per cent red rule. They are differentiated from other services in the city by the flash of green with gold lining - colours adopted as the new fleet livery for Limebourne's coaches, which have been using dark blue as their dominant colour for the past few years.



or Galaxy fleet

are star performers, operator

fixed price monthly contract, with their utilisation decided by the tour operator.

"It's a sign of how the company is growing, that they can now afford to have two vehicles contracted all year round for their tour work, and specify them in their colours," said Mr Bell.

The new coach replaces a six-

year-old Caetano-bodied DAF SB3000, but Mr Bell is no stranger to the type, having operated Bovas over the last eight years.

"If you look after them well, they perform very well, especially on continental work" he said.

Yorkshire Travel now concentrates on bus operation in the Huddersfield area, with 13 buses and minis employed on service work. Only the two coaches are operated, and YT no longer takes on any other coaching work, apart from the Galaxy contracts.

OPTARE

Passengers' delight as Skye-ways 'buys the best'

HIGHLANDS based Skye-ways Coaches of Kyle of Lochalsh has beefed up its bus fleet and Isle of Skye bus services with the purchase of two Optare Prisma-bodied Mercedes-Benz 0405 citybuses.

The company, which has standardised its coach fleet on Van Hool Alizee-bodied B10Ms, has replaced two coaches on the three main routes operated, although some journeys continue to offer through connections on the express services to and from Glasgow and Inverness.

The two Optare Prismas, one of which was the original demonstrator are the first to be owned by an operator in the Highland Region, and have been appropriately regis-

tered N4 SKY and M6 SKY. They operate seven days per week, and now connect with trains at Kyle station, taking passengers directly to the Island rather than letting them walk to the ferry, which has now been replaced by the new road bridge.

Director Alistair MacRae said that some extra runs had been built into the network to make the most of the new vehicles. "We've bought the best, because you get what you pay for," he said. "The passengers are highly delighted with the buses, and we're trying to put the coaching industry in a better light."

Two coaches have been released from local service duties on

the three route network, which links Kyle with Armadale, Armadale with Portree, and Kyle with Uig via Broadford and Portree.

CBW



Classified

Tel: 01733 467147



Fax: 01733 467154

BEDFORD

BEDFORD, 1986 YNT Plaxton Paramount 3200, 53 seater, tinted windows, excellent condition. £19,000 plus VAT. Tel: 01623 650241 or 743845 (Notts). (63828/BED)

1974 DOMINANT I, 53 seats, express doors, Mk IV Dominant front, tested May '97, £2,000 ono. **1978 DOMINANT II**, 53 seats, express doors, top sliding window, new gearbox, good engine, tested February '97, £3,200 ono. Tel. 01386 792426 or 01386 792349. (64023/BE)

1977 R BEDFORD PJK Plaxton Supreme, 29 seats, power door, Bristol dome, test January 1997, exceptionally clean and tidy. Offers around £1,750. Tel: 01226 281239 (South Yorkshire). (64008/BE)

BEDFORD DUPLE DOMINANT II, 1980, MOT Feb '97, 45 seater, Express doors, above average condition. £2,750 + VAT. Tel: Greys of Ely, 01353 662300. (64004/BE)

BEDFORD, 1977, Plaxton, 53 coach, MOT until August 28th, good contract vehicle, £1,750 ono. Tel. 01842 752226 (Norfolk). (64021/BE)

BEDFORD, D reg, YMPS, 35 recliners, aircraft lockers, tables, very clean and tidy, long MOT, £24,950 + VAT. Tel. 0121 558 0087. (63925/BE)

BERKHOFF

1989 F REG BERKHOFF EXCELLENCE 2000

76 seats, 4 tables, double glazed, full executive, 3 monitors, stereo, fridge, coffee machine, toilet, full PA system including CD player, new tyres, owner driven.

£70,000 ono + VAT

Some work available

Tel. 0191 413 7277
0191 414 2384 (eves)

(64019/BER)

BRISTOL

1978(S) BRISTOL L85 PLAXTON

35 new seats, curtains, power door, PAS, PA system, etc, new test, new tyres, brakes & kingpins, excellent condition, surplus to requirements

Offers around £5,250 + VAT

Tel: 01623 720093 or
Mobile 0378 216167

(63697/BR)

BOVA

BOVA, 1984 Futura, completely refurbished interior, very smart looking coach, fridge, TV, drinks, wc, bunks, Webasto, Telma, double glazed, long MOT, £32,000. Tel. 01268 783878 (Essex). (64006/BO)

BOVA

1988 BOVA FUTURA DAF

49 recliners + toilet, courier seat, tea/coffee machine, blue interior, MoT April '97, vgc.

Tel. 01485 532349

(64030/BO)

DAF

1985 DAF MB200 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500

Low driver, 53 reclining seats, Blaupunkt radio/pa, curtains, rear continental door, excellent condition throughout, very smart vehicle, taxed and tested.

£36,950 + VAT

Tel. 01992 572409

(63216/DAF)

1989 PP SB2300 CAETANO ALGARVE

51 recliners with seat belts, centre toilet, continental door, boiler, Blaupunkt radio/cassette/PA, video, tinted double glazing, curtains, 40,000 km on reconditioned engine, test to 26.10.96, will retest if required.

£49,950 + VAT ono

Tel: 01977 513666

(64027/DAF)

DAF SB2300

(1986) private plate, 55 seater, Duple 340, new MoT
£35,000 ono

DAF DTSL

1983, private plate, 57 seater, Plaxton 3200, MoT May '97
£25,000 ono

Tel: 01626 66580

(63870/DAF)

FORD

FORD, 1979 Plaxton Supreme IV, out of test, u/s engine, all other spares on vehicle, £1,500 ono. Tel. 01842 752226 (Norfolk). (64020/FO)

FORD TAXIBUS, 8 seats, 1 wheelchair, now with electric windows, alloy wheels, luggage tailgate, special offer, 3 only. Tel. Blythswood Motors on 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 evenings. (63877/FO)

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

FORD



FORD R114

53 seater, 1977, taxed May 1997, very good condition.

£3,000 + VAT ono

Tel: 0141 951 4144

(63940/FO)

IVECO

IVECO 49.10

23 seat Daily bus, Carlyle body, auto gearbox, December 1988, MoT January 1997, good condition

£7,500
plus tyres + VAT

Contact Derek Large/
David Whitbread

CENTREWEST
LONDON BUSES LTD
Tel: 0171 706 0877

(63980/IVE)

20 SEATER IVECO COACHES

1989/90, choice of 5, excellent condition, priced to sell

Please telephone
01805 622633

(63994/IVE)

IVECO 59.12 TURBO DAILIES, L reg

Choice of 8, twin passenger doors, Mellor Coachcraft bodies, 26 seats + 12 standees.

£25,000 each + VAT

Contact Dean or John on
Oxford 01865 776683

(63985/IVE)

JONCKHEERE



73 seats, double courier seat, 6 TV video, toilet, boiler, Webasto, 13 months MoT, engine and gearbox recently overhauled, new Telma 8 months old. (63823/JON)

£75,000 + VAT
(part ex welcome)

FINE EXAMPLE OF JONCKHEERE
Tel: 01388 604419

LEYLAND

1977 LEYLAND LEOPARD

53 seater Duple Dominant II, new engine 2 years, trim 1 year, 12 months test, repainted and painted yellow/blue

£5,000 + VAT

1977 ALEXANDER Y TYPE

Leyland Leopard, 53 seater service bus, tested 1997, exceptionally clean motor £5,000 + VAT

1973 LEYLAND NATIONAL

Service Buses, tested June 1997, choice of 2, £2,200 + VAT each
Open to Offers

01461 201484

(63775/LE)

W Reg LEYLAND NATIONAL 2, selection of one or two door bus and coach seated.....from £12,000

W Reg LEYLAND LEOPARD, fitted Duple Dominant 47-seater service bus body, semi-auto, power steering, very clean £8,500

P-T Reg LEYLAND NATIONAL 1, 10.3m and 11.3m, all in excellent condition £2,000-£3,000 + TYRES + VAT

All prices plus VAT

ENSIGN BUS AND COACH SALES LTD

Albright Industrial Estate,
Ferry Lane, Rainham,
Essex RM13 9BU

Tel: 01708 631122
Fax: 01708 631086

(64031/LE)

1986

LEYLAND TIGER 260

Fitted Duple 340 body, 53 seats, Express doors, destination box, semi auto, ticket May '97, cherished number plate.

£16,000 + VAT

Tel: Ensign Bus & Coach Sales Ltd
01708 631122

(64032/LE)

TIGER SUPREME IV GT, 1981, S/A, 57 seater with belts, very good condition, please phone for details, early viewing recommended, first come first served. Tel: 01763 289222. (63867/LE)

MERCEDES**1990 811D TURBO**

June "G" reg, 70+mph, special high+drop boot, 19+1 Vogel recliners, coffee tables, TV/video, special dark glass, Eberspacher, every day use, new test + service, air conditioning needs compressor

£20,750 ex. VAT

Tel: 0181 343 1322

(63922/ME)

**MERCEDES 711's
N reg**

Choice of 6, Marshall bodies, up to coach spec. 28 seats.

£39,000 each + VAT

Contact Dean or John on Oxford 01865 776683

(63986/ME)

MERCEDES: IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.

New Merc 814L, 6 cylinder engine, coachbuilt, 37 seat luxury coach, power door, manual or auto box, air suspension, £79,000. Most models from Urban Ranger; 47 + 23 standees, 811; 33 + 12 standees + Auto & Telma, 709; 29 + 8 standees + wheelchair vehicle and luxury coach spec. All in stock for instant delivery. P/X welcome. Tel Blythswood Motors on 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 evenings. (63876/ME)

COACH SPEC 814, 33 forced air, £56,000. 711, 29 coach spec, £48,000. 711, 25 coach spec, £47,000. 711, 24 coach spec, £43,000. 609, 24 coach spec, £40,000. All luxury spec with power door and 3 point belts, Mercedes service spec. 709, 29 + standees, £43,500. 811, 33 + 12 from £50,000 plus auto and Telma. Tel. Blythswood Motors on 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 evenings. (63879/ME)

MERCEDES 609, M2M, 24 seater, 1989, MoT Oct 96, £13,000 ono; and **MERCEDES 507,** Reeve Burgess, 16 seater, 1988, MoT Aug 96, £8,250 ono and **MERCEDES 609** Reeve Burgess, 21 seater, 1987, MoT March 97, £11,500 ono. Tel. 0121 471 2000. (63920/ME)

MERCEDES 207D, 1983 A reg, 12 seats, very good condition, taxed until end October, MoT Jan '97. £1,750 + VAT. Tel. 01902 636616. (64024/ME)

MINIS & MIDIS**THE BUS CENTRE**

Stafford
01785 760666

MERCEDES, 27/29 seat, H reg 1990, 709 service bus, Dormobile body, full repaint in white, full retrim, MoT April 97.

★★★★★ MCW COACH,

28 coach seats, luggage racks, individual map lights, P.A. system, boot, curtains, Cummins engine, 5 speed manual box, LWB body, disc brakes, MoT April 97. Choice of 2, 1.

Your Contact - Martin
Also mobile 0831 841523
(64025/MM)

MINIS & MIDIS**CRYSTALS****IVECO CHARTER**

High-spec to include: 19 seats, arm rests, Wedgeman power door, coach rear end, window blinds, quad vents, electric extractor, luggage racks, saloon heater, special price **£POA**

ENTERPRISE

Mercedes 814, 33 coach seats, high-spec to include: power door, tinted windows, large boot, ventilated forced air, luggage racks, reading lights, in-build now **£56,950 + VAT**

Contract hire – 5 year, full maintenance – £1,230 per month

IVECO 40.10

Diesel Turbo, PAS, high spec to include: 18 coach seats, radio/cassette, luggage racks, quad vents, saloon heater **£26,950 + VAT**

CAN OUR COMPETITORS COMPETE WITH THIS?**DAVID FRENCH**

Dartford (01322) 228538
Mobile 0850 799865

HARRY MITCHELL

Doncaster (01302) 328888
Mobile 0850 843426

(63988/MM)

Please phone for current stock list covering approximately 30 minicoaches

WADDONS

TRANSIT DORMOBILE, diesel, 1989, new factory conversion, 16 seat luxury minicoach £9,750
TRANSIT, 15 seat minicoach, 1991, LWB, diesel, PAS, excellent condition, one owner from new £6,950
TRANSIT, 12 seat minicoach, 1990, LWB, diesel, excellent condition, one owner from new £5,750
TRANSIT, 15 seat minicoach, 1989, LWB, vgc £4,250
MERCEDES 308D, 14 seat minicoach, 1985, diesel, excellent condition £4,500
TALBOT, 14 seat minicoach, 1988, petrol £2,650
LEYLAND DAF, 16 seat minicoach, 1991, diesel, vgc £6,250

★ YOUR VEHICLE WANTED FOR CASH
★ FINANCE AVAILABLE (subject to status)
★ LEASE/HIRE PURCHASE

Tel: 01222 860230 Fax: 01222 860231

(63873/MM)

LOW MILEAGE MERCEDES EXCELLENT CONDITION LONG MOT'S

1991 H 609 D, 21 seats
1993 L 609 D, 23 seats
1993 L 711 D, 19 seats + courier
1994 L 711 D, 24 seats
1993 K 814 D, 29 seats + courier, tables, coffee machine, forced air, reading lights

All quality vehicles.
All with Radio + PA

For further information
Tel Dalesman - Leeds
01943 870228

(64026/MM)

ERRINGTONS

FOR  **TOYOTA OPTIMO**

NEW TOYOTA OPTIMO III GL, 21 seats, grey interior, finished all white, immediate delivery from stock.

1992 K TOYOTA OPTIMO II GL, 21 seater + courier, radio, grey interior, finished all white, MoT Nov 1996, one owner
1987 E MERCEDES 609 REEVE BURGESS, 19 seater coach, large rear boot, parcel racks, wheel trims, resprayed brilliant white, radio, MoT July 1997. £13,000 + VAT.

1976 BEDFORD 330, 6 cylinder, diesel, 5 speed gearbox, Faro II, 20 seater, fitted power door and radio, recently retrimmed grey moquette, MoT March 97, very useful vehicle.

Evington, Leicester LE5 6DQ. Tel. (0116) 273 0421 Fax. (0116) 273 9372

TOYOTA PARTS AND SERVICE. NEW OPTIMO I SHORT MOTOR IN STOCK

Contact Bryn Taylor (0116) 259 2131

(64028/MM)

**1983 Leyland Cub**

May '97 test, nice clean trim, air door, ready for work.

£2,400 + VAT

Tel: B & D Holt
01204 525835

(64018/MM)

DODGE 50s, plus Mercedes, 18-25 seats, all tested and ready to go. From £2,000 + VAT. Tel: 01772 626272

(64029/MM)

RENAULT MASTER, 1991, 2.5 Turbo Diesel, 16 seats including 3 point belts, power door, 78,000 miles, vgc. Tel: 01764 683241

(63993/MM)

LEYLAND DAF 400, H reg, high roof, 16 coach seats, integral belts, full MoT, taxed, 46,000 miles, immaculate inside and out, none better at £9,500 + VAT. Tel: 01767 683600. Would consider p/x for hearse or limo of similar value. Finance possible.

(64013/MM)

FORD TRANSIT MINIBUS, 1991, 2.0 petrol, 14 seater, seatbelts, low mileage, excellent condition, well maintained, full PCV spec Dec '96. £6,800. Tel: 01204 573753. (64058/MM)

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

COACH CONVERS

For supreme quality conversions and minibus



MERCEDES PROTECT and AX-S.

Our latest range of wheelchair accessible and safety buses now includes the Mercedes Benz 711D. All have full safe passenger cells and certified seating.

SHUTTLE RANGE.

From 8 to 14 passengers with options for genuine wheelchair access, our range of smaller luxury transporters are economical and truly exotic.



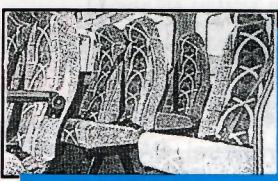
TAXI and TAXI BUS.

Jubilee invented the 8 seater Taxi Bus concept and now offer an amazing array of 7 and 8 seater private hire and full twin door Hackney accessible Taxis.



CRASH TESTED SEATS & BELTS.

Jubilee were the first independent company to carry out testing on seat and seat belt anchorage with Lloyd's of London Accreditation. We are the experts.



QUALITY and LUXURY.

All Jubilee vehicles are finished to the very highest standards in the UK today. We have never built mundane vehicles and our quality is unsurpassed.

SERVICE and STAGE CARRIAGE.

Our range of modern service buses and Dial a Ride buses encompass many new DptAC features offering modern, easy to operate units at affordable prices.



AMBULANCE RANGE.

Patient transfer High dependency and Dual Role. Options include lowering suspension, hidden ramps and chairlifts.



RENAULT MASTER.

Whether it's an executive 15 seater with luggage or a simple contract bus, we absolutely guarantee that no one builds it better than Jubilee.



For instant Telephone quotes

8 SEATERS - TAXI & TAXI BUSES

This new and exciting low floor 7 seater executive taxi unit is here now. The only one in the UK. From £13,995 or £65 per week.

K-L RENAULT TRAFIC D. 8 seaters. Choice of 4 super low mileage units. Various specs and trims from only £7,995 or £43 per week.

K FORD 2.5 D Automatic. Twin side doors. 8 seater with occasional table. Finished in blue.

£9,995 or £54 per week.

L LDV 2000. Deluxe taxi bus with M2 seats, front luggage pen and wheelchair tracking. Super luxury trim and interior, from only £9,995 or £54 per week.

L FORD 2.5 GL. Full luxury spec, rear tailgate, in unmarked silver coachwork, unbeatable value. £8,995 or £49 per week.

L PEUGEOT BOXER D. 8-11 passenger luxury shuttle. Lux M2 seats. Hi specification. Wheelchair tracking. £12,995 or £69 per week.

M FIAT NEW DUCATO. Super luxury 8 seater executive.

£12,995 or £69 per week.

M FORD 2.5D. Luxury taxi bus. 8 M2 hi backed seats/belts. Front luggage pen. Wheelchair tracking.

£13,995 or £74 per week.

M VW CARAVELLE 2.4D. This truly exceptional example comes with PAS and a host of extras, full VAG history, must be viewed.

£12,995 or £69 per week.

M FORD 2.5 TURBO D. Twin side door. Latest model super luxury 8 seater with wheelchair access. Fully loaded.

£15,995 or £87 per week.

M DUCATO SWB. Diesel, super luxury, 8 seater taxibus, front luggage pen, M2 tested, high back seats and belts, wheelchair.

£12,995 or £69 per week.

M LDV 200 D Series. Choice of 3. Luxury 8 seaters offering style, performance and economy. Unbeatable from only £9,995 or £54 per week.

N FORD 2.5 D. Executive spec. Luxury 8 seater Taxi bus. Very low mileage, latest specification. One only at just £14,995 or £70 per week.

N FIAT DUCATO D. New lux M2 conversion to very high spec. Beautiful looking vehicle. Wheelchair tracking etc. £14,995 or £70 per week.

STOP PRESS - JUST ARRIVED

New FORD EURO CAB. 8 seater.

New FIAT SCUDO 1.9D. 7 seater taxis - unbelievable.

New NISSAN 2.3 D. Cargo. Hackney style twin side door. 7 seater Taxis. Choice of Private Hire or Full Hackney specs from just £13,995 or £65 per week.

New LDV 200 D Series. 8 seater Taxi buses. Choice of specs with wheelchair access and luggage pens etc. UNBELIEVABLE VALUE from £11,995 or £56 per week.

New RENAULT TRAFIC 2.0 D. 8 seater. Low floor taxi buses. Choice of colours and specification from just £12,995 or £61 per week.

New FORD TAXI and EURO CAB. 8 seater luxury Hackney Cabs with more options than you would ever believe. Come and see for yourselves. £POA.

8-12 SEATERS - SHUTTLES & BUSES

New RENAULT HI TOP D. Super luxury 8-10 passenger Shuttle Master with lux M2 seating. Luggage, wheelchair access, etc. £17,495 or £82 per week.

N FIAT DUCATO TDI HI TOP. 12 seater in red, lux trim, very low mileage, viewing essential.

£14,995 or £70 per week.

K VAUXHALL MIDI. LWB Hi top Diesel. Low mileage, 8-12 passengers. Finished in blue. Excellent value for money.

£8,995 or £51 per week.

K CITROEN 2.0D. Luxury 8-11 passenger Shuttle. Super lux trim and seating. New conversions. Wheelchair option. £9,995 or £54 per week.

K RENAULT Diesel. 12 seaters, choice of 2 super condition vehicles. Clean and tidy throughout from only £7,995 or £43 per week.

L VW TRANSPORTER. 12 seater, only 15,000 miles, finished in brilliant white, rare opportunity at only £10,999 or £59 per week.

L PEUGEOT BOXER D. 8-11 passenger luxury shuttle. New high specification conv with M2 lux seating etc.

£12,995 or £69 per week.

L LDV HIGH ROOF 2.8D. LUX. 12 seater with M2 seats on tracking.

Front entry. Lux spec

£11,995 or £56 per week.

G RENAULT TRAFIC. 12 seater.

Excellent condition throughout. Must be seen to appreciate.

£5,995 or £35 per week.

14-16 SEATERS BUSES & COACHES

N FIAT DUCATO 2.5D MAXI. Just 7,000 miles, M2 seats/belts, an opportunity not to be missed.

£15,995 or £75 per week.

J LDV 400 TURBO D. LWB, 16 passenger luxury mini-coach. Side door. Excellent condition. Super value at only £7,995 or £47 per week.

J LDV 400 D. LWB, 16 passenger mini-bus with cloth trim. Beautiful condition, low recorded mileage.

£7,995 or £47 per week.

K LDV 400 D. B LWB. 16 passenger mini-bus. Deluxe cloth trim. Optional roof rack and rear ladder. Bargain at only £9,995 or £54 per week.

L FORD 190D. Extra hi-roof. Super luxury 14 passenger mini-coach with lux M2 seats and diag belts, etc. New conv.

£16,995 or £93 per week.

L LDV 400D. Luxury 16 passenger executive mini-coach with M2 lux seats/belts. High line windows. Drop step, etc.

£16,995 or £93 per week

L RENAULT MASTER CRUISE

MASTER EXECUTIVE. Super Luxury 14 seater with boot & U.F. luggage.

£16,995 or £93 per week.

M LDV 400D. Executive 16 passenger mini-coach. Fully loaded. M2 lux seats and belts and much, much more, choice of 3, from £17,995

M LDV 400D. H. ROOF. Luxury mini-coach. Choice of 4 - from only £17,995 or £98 per week.

SALES HOTLINE 0121 505

Visit our showroom & sales site - 127 - 139

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

JUBILEE IONS & BUS CENTRE LTD

at condition, low mileage used vehicles

Over 90 vehicles in stock

New LDV PRO-TECT. 2.5D HI TOP. Luxury safety bus. Lux hi-back M2 seats and belts. Full safety cage. £24,995 or £117 per week.

New RENAULT MASTER. Cruisemaster Executive or Conveyor. Including our innovative 15 seater with full luggage from £18,995 or £89 per week.

New LDV Luxury Cruisemaster and Conveyor 16 seaters. Choice of specification and options from just £18,995 or £89 per week

New IVECO FORD 49-10 TD. Executive Pullman. It's in stock right now! The most elegant 16 seater with full luggage. £POA.

17-24 SEATERS COACHES + BUSES

E IVECO FORD 49.10. 20 seater service bus, power door, good condition. Only £4,995.

L IVECO 49.10TD. 19 seater, power door, super condition. £18,995 or £105 per week.

92 TALBOT TRIAXLE. Voll body. New 18 seater luxury conversion. Less than 2,000 miles recorded. Hidden lift. Belts. £23,995 or £132 per week.

M REG LDV 400. Factory bus finished in gleaming white and only 17,000 miles from new, superb value at £13,995 or £76 per week.

New IVECO FORD 49-10TD. 19 seaters with coachpower door. Choice of midi-bus, service bus or luxury coach. From £28,995 or £139 per week.

New RENAULT B110 MESSENGER TD. 18 seater front entry lux midi buses or lux coach with rear boot. Excellent value from £28,995 or £139 per week.

New MERCEDES BENZ. Super luxury executive mini and midi-coaches. 18 to 24 passenger with large boot. From only £37,995 or £187 per week.

New MERCEDES SERVICE BUSES or Dial a Ride Units. Low step and DpTAC features. Choice of power doors, etc, from £33,995 or £165 per week.

FINANCE AND LEASING



As Licensed Credit Brokers. Jubilee can offer an extensive range of finance and leasing plans tailored to the individual requirements of our customers.

Our finance lease plans offer the advantage of low low outlays or even NO DEPOSIT, with your part exchange covering the full amount. Add to this 100% TAX RELIEF and you can see why many of our long term customers come back for more and more.

PLEASE ASK FOR AN INSTANT COMPUTER GENERATED QUOTATION.

Plus - WE ARE SO EASY TO FIND

Just 2 miles from Junction 9 of the M6 and 2 miles from Junction 1 of the M5

SO WHY NOT COME ALONG AND SEE US ... YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU MADE THE EFFORT!

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS VEHICLES

G FORD 190. LWB. Semi-hi-top with fully automatic Ricon chairlift and tracking for up to 3 wheelchairs. Only £7,995 or £47 per week.

H FORD 190. LWB hi-top. Lux trim. Seat belts. Fully automatic wheelchair lift. Tracked seats etc. £9,995 or £59 per week.

H FIAT DUCATO MAXI. LWB hi-top. Lux trim, Ricon fully automatic chair lift. Tracked and fold back seats. £9,995 or £59 per week.

L FORD 190D. LWB extra hi-roof. Luxury 14 passenger wheelchair access bus. Underfloor chair lift, seat belts. £19,995 or £110 per week.

G TRANSIT D. Dormobile body with chairlift, all seats on track, up to 6 wheelchairs. £10,495 or £56 per week.

PLEASE NOTE. Most of our 8 seaters and shuttle units have wheelchair facilities. Please telephone for further information.

New RENAULT MESSENGER TD. 15 passenger M3 certified, with flat floor and underfloor lift. Up to 8 wheelchairs. From £33,995 or £168 per week.

New RENAULT MASTERS. With our superb hidden chair lift system which offers true dual role usage, luxury and access from £23,995 or £113 per week.

New IVECO FORD AX-S TD. Up to 18 passengers or up to 10 large wheelchairs can be accommodated in comfort and style. From £32,995 or £155 per week.

New LDV 400 AX-S. Jubilee now offers over 100 variations on the LDV AX-S including level floor with M2 seats. From £23,995 or £113 per week.

New MERCEDES AX-S. Our range of wheelchair accessible Mercedes offers the highest possible specifications in the UK today. £POA.

LUXURY PEOPLE CARRIERS

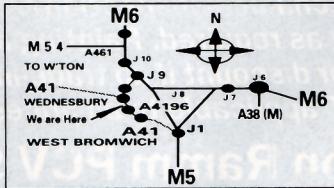
Buy, finance or lease

M NISSAN SERENA 2.0 D SLX. 5 door, 7,000 miles. Metallic blue/green. Mint condition and fully loaded. Choice of 2 from £10,995.

M VOLKSWAGEN CARAVELLE GL. Diesel, mint condition. £12,995.

K RENAULT ESPACE 2.0 RXE. Top of the range 7 seater in metallic charcoal. All refinements and luxury options. £11,995.

J RENAULT ESPACE 2.0 RXE. Very low mileage. Finished in unmarked red coach work with luxury RXE trim. £11,995.



IVECO 49-10 EXECUTIVE PULLMAN.

Either 16 passengers with a huge boot or 19 passengers and a small boot. This superb value for money range of luxury mini coaches is unbeatable.



PRO-TECT RANGE.
Over 40 safety features including:
Full roll over cage,
twin impact bars,
crash tested seats and
belts, USA safety spec,
fire systems etc, etc.



MERCEDES LUXURY COACHES.

From 12 to 24 passengers with options for plug door, crash tested seating and belts, TV, video, air con, PA systems. Luxurious and stylish.



AX-S for WHEEL-CHAIR ACCESS.

For several years now we have been recognised as the market leaders in producing wheelchair access vehicles which afford style and dignity to all.



RENAULT B110 MESSENGER TD.

This superb vehicle accommodates up to 19 passengers or 16 with an enormous boot. It is also ideal for wheelchair access carrying up to 10 wheelchairs.



CONVEYOR RANGE.

If you demand quality but insist on economy our Conveyer range is for you. Designed to offer stylish simplicity. The ideal bus for local contracts.



CRUISE-MASTER RANGE.

Our superb 14-16 seater mini coaches are seen everywhere in the UK. These are the vehicles which set you aside from the pack. True quality and luxury.



LIBERTY MOBILITY RANGE.

Jubilee now offers the widest choice available for individual wheelchair access vehicles with over 200 specs and options on offer.

*Vat is applicable on all prices

2302 (5 lines) or After Hours 0973 179235.

Hilltop West Bromwich, West Midlands B70 0RZ

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

VEHICLE STOCK - JULY 1996

**Wide range of Iveco 19/21/23/25 seaters now arriving,
including new generation models**

1990 (G) Iveco 49.10 "New Generation" 23/5 seat buses, Phoenix or Carlyle bodywork, 5-speed manual gearboxes, power steering, partial DipTac, power doors, beige interior, new MoT's, limited availability, £9,995

1990 (G) Iveco 49.10 23/25 seat bus, Reeve Burgess Beaver body, 5-speed manual gearbox, power steering, power doors, beige interior, new MoT, one only, £7,995

1989/90 (G) Iveco 49.10 23/5 seat buses, Phoenix or Robin Hood bodywork, 5-speed manual gearboxes, power steering, power doors, beige interiors, new or long MoT's, choice from £7,495

1988/9 (F) Iveco 49.10 23/5 seat buses, Robin Hood bodywork, 5-speed manual gearboxes, some with power steering, power doors, beige interiors, new or long MoT's, choice from £6,495

1988 (E) Iveco 49.10 25-seat buses, Dormobile bodies, 5-speed manual gearboxes, power doors, red/grey interior, new MoT and in first class condition, one only, £5,995

1987/8 (E) Iveco 49.10 23/5 seat buses, Robin Hood bodies, 5-speed manual gearboxes, power doors, beige interiors, new or long MoT's, excellent choice from just £5,495

1986/7 (D/E) Iveco 49.10 19 and 21 seat buses, Robin Hood bodywork, beige/orange interiors, 5-speed manual gearboxes, new MoT's, a selection available from just £3,995



1987 (D) Iveco 49.10 21-seat buses, automatic gearboxes, Robin Hood "City Nippy" bodies, beige/orange striped moquette, new MoTs, excellent condition, £3,995

A good selection of other vehicles also available, including



1989 (G) Freight Rover Sherpa 20-seat bus, Carlyle Mark II body, 5-speed gearbox, power door, beige interiors, new MoT's, one only, resprayed white, at just £5,795

1988 (F) Renault S56 Mark II 25-seat bus, PMT body, power steering, automatic box, new MoT, power doors, one only, £5,295

1988 (E/F) Freight Rover 20-seat buses, Carlyle Mark II bodies, 5-speed manual gearboxes, power doors, attractive grey/red interiors with illuminated interior advertising panels, new MoT's, silver exteriors, wide choice from £3,495

1987 (D) Dodge S56 25-seat bus, Reeve Burgess body, power door, brown interior, automatic gearbox, new MoT, very good condition, recent respray in white, £4,495

1987 (D) Mercedes 608D 20-seat dual-purpose coach, Reeve Burgess conversion, high-back coach seats, power door, gangway carpet, 5-speed manual gearbox, new MoT, one only, £6,995

1987 (D) Dodge S56 East Lancs 29-seat bus, power door, luggage boot, brown moquette, new MoT, one only at just £5,995

1986/7 (C/D) Freight Rover 20-seat buses, Carlyle Mark I conversion, power doors, beige/orange interiors, new MoT, 5-speed manual gearboxes, choice from just £2,695

1985/6 (B/C) Ford Transit 16-seat buses, a choice available with Carlyle/Dormobile/Robin Hood conversions, some with bodies refurbished, new MoT's and resprayed, excellent choice from just £2,195 plus VAT

ALL ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE FULL PREPARATION

All our prices include full mechanical inspection/report, all defects rectified, body repairs/panelling as required. Painting at modest extra cost. Part exchange welcome, or discount if no trade-in. Licensed credit broker. VAT applicable to all prices.

Houston Ramm PCV Sales

Royle Works, Royle Road, Rochdale, OL11 3ET

Tel: Rochdale (01706) 750570. Fax. (01706) 750205

(64014/MB)

MINIS & MIDIS



WESTERN COMMERCIAL

NEW STOCK

814 MERCEDES PLAXTON, Full luxury, 33 seats
709 ALEXANDERS, 29 seats, stage carriage, diptac
811, 29/33 seat service spec, diptac
711 MERCEDES, 25 seats, coachbuilt, power door, deep boot
711 MERCEDES, 24 seats, van conversion, luxury coach spec, power door
609 MERCEDES VAN CONVERSION, 24 seats, power door, luxury
412 MERCEDES, 16 seater, luxury, seatbelts

USED

1990 H TOYOTA OPTIMO, 21 seats, luxury, tv, etc, choice
1990 H MERCEDES 609, 26 seat coach spec
1987 MERCEDES 609, 26 seater

CARRIAGEWAYS

Order your new
Auto Bus Classique,
16/33 seater NOW!

1990 MERCEDES 608D, 21 seater	P.O.A.
1990 H REG TOYOTA, 6 cylinder Optimo, 18 reclining seats plus coupler, lap belts, power door, large boot, test Oct 1996	£19,500
1990 RENAULT TRAFIC, diesel, 12 seater, test October 1996	£4,500
1989 G REG TRANSIT, petrol, low mileage, new conversion, 16 seat lap & diagonal belts, luggage racks, test Sept 1996	£9,500
1987 FREIGHT ROVER, high roof, high back seats, very good condition, tested	P.O.A.
1984 TRANSIT, petrol, 16 seater, Dormobile, high back moquette seats, test September 1996, repainted white	£1,950
NON PSV	
1992 DAF 200, petrol, 12 seater, 30,000 miles only	£5,250

Tel: (01234) 740057 (Bedford)
or (0831) 372763

FRANK CHANDLER 24 HRS

CHRIS CHANDLER

0378 446865 (Mobile)

Vehicles Bought Part Exchange
and HP

(63880/MM)



1987 Metro Rider Bus

Nov test, disc brakes, service built, good condition with boot

£8,500 + VAT

Tel: B & D Holt
01204 525835

(64016/MM)



1989 Omni Bus

20 seater, Perkins engine, 6 speed gearbox, wheelchair facilities, air suspension, ideal dual purpose vehicle, full test.

£6,750 + VAT

Tel: B & D Holt
01204 525835

(64017/MM)

FOR SALE

J REG LEYLAND DAF hi-top 400, full spec diesel, front loading £8,750
G REG MERCEDES 308D, 12 seat hi-top diesel, full spec £6,500
G REG LEYLAND DAF 400, hi-top white diesel, vgc £6,995

WAITING FOR CONVERSION

LEYLAND DAF hi-top diesel, turbo, K reg, from £9,995
FORD TRANSIT, long and short wheelbase, G to M reg

CONVERSION TO CUSTOMER SUPPLIED VANS

LEYLAND DAF, conversion from 16 seat £2,500
FORD TRANSIT, long wheelbase, 14 seat £2,400
FORD TRANSIT, short wheelbase, 12 seat £1,950

TEL: A-LINE 01600 772556

(63868/MB)

HOLLOWAY COMMERCIALS



H
O
L
L
O
W
A
Y
AA

L REG 94 LDV 400 TURBO DIESEL, luxury 16 seater minicoach. Features include, high back seats with 3 point inertia seatbelts, lowered front entry step, panoramic tinted windows, tubular steel re-inforced side frames, luggage racks, 6 speaker stereo, full C.O.I.F., new stunning conversion. £13,995 + VAT or finance from £67 per week.

BUY • FINANCE • LEASE PURCHASE •
WALSALL ROAD WILLENHALL WEST MIDLANDS WV13 2EF
OPEN 7 DAYS

Tel: (01902) 636661 FAX: (01902) 609476

(63999/MB)

DODGE MINIBUS
50 Series

Turbocharge, choice of 2.
For sale or spares.

Call for further details
01226 727769 (day)
Fax: 01226 727607
Eves: 01226 716166

(64012/MM)

NEOPLAN

SKYLINERS

1988 Merc V10, auto, 75 seats, full retrim, recent engine

£65,000

1986, re-engined with a Volvo, auto, 74 seats, full retrim

£52,500

Both in good condition

Contact Tony Turner - Bristol
0117 9559086

(64002/NE)

NEOPLAN



1993 NEOPLAN CITYLINER

Super High

48 seats, double courier, walk in kitchen including microwave & percolated coffee, 2 video screens, cassette/PA, sub tropical air conditioning, toilet with hot water, cruise control, safe, Webasto, large water tanks, extra lockers, bunk, rear steer, Telma, Mercedes V8 twin turbo engine, seat belts, non smoking and much more...

£149,500 + VAT

Telephone 01922 414 576

(64022/NE)

OPTIMO

OPTIMO

COACHWORK PARTS & REPAIRS

OPTIMO

MOSELEY (PCV) LTD

ASKERN ROAD, CARCROFT, DONCASTER DN6 8DE.

Tel: (01302) 330600 • Fax: (01302) 330606

FOR A FAST, EFFICIENT, PROFESSIONAL AND FRIENDLY PARTS & REPAIR SERVICE

CONSULT THE SPECIALISTS

(63185/OP)

Coach and Bus Week

The market leading magazine that's tailor made to make your business grow.

There's no better alternative

Tel. 01733 467147 NOW

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

SCANIA

NEW SCANIA K113 CRB VAN HOOL ALIZEE H, 53 seats, toilet, air conditioning.
NEW SCANIA K113 CRB IRIZAR CENTURY, 49 reclining seats, toilet, air conditioning, fridge.
NEW SCANIA K113 TRB IRIZAR CENTURY 3.7, (3 axle), 51 reclining seats, toilet, fridge, air conditioning.

All Available for Immediate Delivery

USED SCANIA

1993 K SCANIA K113 VAN HOOL, 49 recliners, toilet, radio, PA/cassette, double glazed.
 1993 K SCANIA K93 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200, 53 recliners + courier, radio/PA/cassette.

VOLVO

1990 H VOLVO B10M JONCKHEERE DEAUVILLE, 51 reclining seats, toilet, drinks machine, TV, video, air conditioning, radio/PA/cassette.
 1983 VOLVO B10M DUPLE CARIBBEAN, 48 recliners, toilet, radio/PA/cassette.

NEOPLAN

1992 J NEOPLAN N208 JETLINER, 24 reclining seats, tables, toilet, coffee machine, TV, video, radio/PA/cassette.



Reliable Vehicles Limited
SCANIA

TELEPHONE: 0131-333 2362 FAX: 0131-335 3158

VAN HOOL**VAN HOOL ASTRON**

57 reclining seats with new Holdsworth graffiti moquette, twin deck videos, hot drinks machine, fridge, toilet, 3 drivers' bunks, 9 month MoT, in very good condition, first to see will buy.

£40,000 plus VAT

Executive Travel Services, Wolverhampton

Tel: 01902 305143

(63675/VAN)

VEHICLE SALES MISCELLANEOUS**BLYTHSWOOD MOTORS LTD**

1175 ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW
 All Mercedes 2 years warranty or 200,000 kilometres

NEW MERCEDES 814L, coach spec, 37 seats, air suspension, p/door, large boot, STOCK. £80,000

NEW MERCEDES 814 diesel, extended coach built, luxury coach spec, power swivel door, large boot, forced air, 33 coach seats, coach spec, STOCK. £86,000

NEW MERCEDES 711 TURBO, coachbuilt, 25 lux or 29, power door, large boot, coach spec, STOCK. £47,000

NEW MERCEDES 711 Turbo, 24 lux, boot, power swivel door, conversion, coach spec, STOCK. £43,000

NEW MERCEDES 609D, 24 seats, full spec, boot, power door, lug rack, radio cassette, coach spec, STOCK. £40,000

NEW MERCEDES 811, diesel, extended coachbuilt, 33 service or semi coach seats, standees, Dptac, wide door, auto, Allison or manual, also Telma, STOCK. £50,000

NEW MERCEDES 709, coachbuilt, 29 + 8 standees, power door, dip tac, choice of seats, STOCK. £43,500

NEW MERCEDES 709, wheelchair/PSV, 27 + tail lift, dip tac, p/door, or coach seats, EARLY.

MERCEDES SPRINTER 412, lux 16, turbo, STOCK.

MERCEDES SPRINTER 412, 16 + wheelchair, STOCK.

MERCEDES SPRINTER 312, lux 15, hi-roof, turbo.

NEW TRANSIT 16, high roof, LWB, 2 WEEKS.

NEW TRANSIT 14, diesel, psv, STOCK.

NEW TRANSIT, diesel, 8 seat Taxibus wheelchair & Toumee, 9 seat, STOCK.

NEW TRANSIT TOURNEO, 9 seat, diesel, STOCK.

NEW DAF 400, 16 PSV, high spec, turbo, STOCK.

NEW DAF 16, high roof, PSV, power steering.

NEW MODEL DAF, 16 lux, turbo.

WHEELCHAIR/PSV IN STOCK

NEW TRANSIT 15/5 w/chairs and t/lift.

NEW MERC 412 SPRINTER 16/5 w/chairs and t/lift.

STOCK.

NEW MERC 709, w/chair/PSV, 24 + t/lift, diptac, p/door, 2 WEEKS.

NEW MERC 609, 24 or 6 w/chairs.

ALL OPEN TO REASONABLE OFFERS

94 TRANSIT 16, high roof, psv.

91 MERCEDES, 33 seat, 814 coach spec.

91 TRANSIT, 16 high roof, coach spec.

90 OMNI 12/16 PSV + w/chairs, air suspension, power door, low mileage.

90 TRANSIT LWB, petrol, 12 seat.

90 TRANSIT LWB, 12 seat diesel PSV.

90 TRANSIT, diesel 15 PSV

90 H TRANSIT, 16 diesel PSV, hi roof.

89 DAF ALGARVE, exec, 11.6, toilet, TV.

89 TRANSIT, diesel, 14, PSV tested.

89 MERC, 14 coach seat, PSV, SLD, low mileage.

88 MERCEDES 208, 12 seat, diesel.

88 LEYLAND SWIFT, 32 coach + wheelchair lift.

88 TRANSIT, 14 diesel, PSV.

88 MERCEDES 609, coach spec, 21 seats.

88 MERC 23, coach spec.

88 TRANSIT 12, diesel, psv, swb.

88 MERC 609, coach spec, 23 seats.

88 TRANSIT, diesel, 11 psv, swb.

88 F MERCEDES 814, 21 seat, coach spec.

88 MERCEDES 814, 29 seats, 6 cyl, tested.

88 FREIGHT ROVER, 16, diesel, PSV coach spec.

88 TALBOT, tri-axle, 22 seats, coach spec, tested.

88 TRANSIT 12, petrol, tested.

88 TRANSIT 14, diesel, PSV tested, 2500.

87 TRANSIT DIESEL, 16, service bus, new shape, tested. Possible dual purpose.

87 IVECO SERVICE BUS, 5 speed, 19 + standees.

87 MERCEDES 609, 23 seat, coach spec.

87 LEYLAND, 18, service bus, cheap.

86 BEDFORD, 31 seat/7 wheelchairs, tail lift.

86 VOLVO B9, 32 + standees, PSV side seats. Plaxton.

86 TALBOT TRI-AXLE, 22 + standees.

86 IVECO, service, 19 + standees.

86 BEDFORD DUPLEX 320, 57 seats, air susp.

85 DODGE WHEELCHAIR, 21+6 w/chairs, lift

85 MAN, 32 coach spec, power door, tested.

85 C SETRA EXEC, new test, 49 or 53, toilet.

84 MAN VAN HOOL ASTRON, 61, toilet, TV.

84 MAN VAN HOOL, 60 seat exec.

84 VOLVO B10 BERKHOFF, exec, 49, toilet, tv.

82 DENNIS PERKINS, auto, Alexander service bus, 50 + standees.

81 LEOPARD EXPRESS, coach seats, tested.

80 BEDFORD PLAXTON, 30/35, 8.5m.

79 LEOPARD SA, repainted, retrimmed throughout.

79 FORD, 35 seat, Duple II, Turbo 6 speed.

78 LEOPARD SA, repainted, retrimmed throughout.

78 LEYLAND LEOPARD EXPRESS, 53 seats.

77 AEC ZF, repainted, retrimmed throughout.

77 AEC SA, repainted, retrimmed throughout.

WANTED FOR CASH**- MINIBUSES & MIDIBUSES -****ALL MAKES & SIZES.****IMMEDIATE HP SETTLEMENT**

Tel. 0141 221 3165 or

0141 639 6107 Eves.

Fax. 0141 221 3172

OPEN 6 DAYS INCLUDING SATURDAY

**COACH RENTAL**

Van Hool, 47 seats, dual purpose body on a Scania chassis, auto transmission, very competitive prices, short or long term rates, exclusive of maintenance.

For further information telephone

David Gouge

0181 745 7639

Transport Services

(Heathrow Airport Ltd)

(64015/V/H)

VEHICLES WANTED**WANTED****15-20 Dodge Minibuses**

Cash available immediately for the right vehicle.

Phone Kevin Jones at Pete's Travel on 0121 500 6099

(63928/VWA)



1990 (G) VOLVO B10M Van Hool EGS – Van Hool S. High, 49 recliners, toilet, boiler, fridge, driver's bunk, double glazed, wired for TV and video etc. CHOICE OF 2 x COACHES. Excellent condition throughout. 1 x MoT December 1996. 1 x March 1997.

£85,000 + VAT
per coach

CLASSIC EXECUTIVE TRAVEL CO. DURHAM

Tel. 01207 282288

81/83 DAF/Volvo coach, 51-57 seats, cash sale.
Tel:
0191 586 2136
(Durham)

(63864/WA)

Coach and Bus Week

The market leading magazine that's tailor made to make your business grow.

There's no better alternative

Tel 01733 467147 NOW

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

VOLVO**VOLVO B10M PLAXTONS**

1989 - 3200 - 57 seater Mk II & Mk III
Choice of five
£59,950

1988 - 3200 - 53 recliners
£55,950

1988 - 3500 - 53 recliners
£59,950

All in good condition,
many owned from new

Contact Tony Turner - Bristol
0117 9559086 (64001/VO)

VINTAGE VEHICLES

1966 BEDFORD VAM V, excellent condition, taxed, MoT April '97. £3,500.
Tel. 01934 833177. (63984/VW)

THE A W GROUP

Jet House, Station Road, Ratby,
Leicester LE6 0JN

Tel: (0116) 238 7741 Fax: (0116) 238 7128



Would you like to see the magnificent
IVECO 350 bhp EURO RIDER with BEULAS
luxury coachwork for delivery this year?

A SELECTION FROM STOCK

1990 IVECO 315, rear engine integral, Lorraine luxury coachwork, 30 reclining passenger seats and courier seat, air suspension, water boiler, wiring for video. An excellent example of a small luxury coach.

1989 DAF SB3000, Van Hool Alizee H, 49 reclining seats and courier seat, centre sunken toilet, continental door, wired for video and monitor. Can be painted in your colours. Long MoT.

1988 VOLVO B10M Mk III, Van Hool Alizee, 49 reclining seats and courier seat, video and monitor, Webasto heating, centre sunken toilet, continental door. Excellent condition. New MoT.

1987 LEYLAND ROYAL TIGER 260, Van Hool Alizee, 6 speed ZF gearbox, 51 reclining seats and courier seat, video and 2 monitors, toilet at rear.

1983 VOLVO B10M, Van Hool Alizee, 49 reclining seats and courier seat, centre sunken toilet, continental door, wiring for video.

1982 VOLVO B10M, Italian PADANE luxury coachwork, 49 reclining seats and courier seat, centre sunken toilet, continental door. Nice condition with new MoT. Available immediately.

IVECO BUS

(64052/VSM)



Martins of Cheshire Ltd
Used Bus and Coach Distributors
Warrington Road, Weaverham, Cheshire CW8 3PX.
Tel: 01606 853298 Fax: 01606 854679

Located about 4 miles off M56, Jnct 10, A49

DOUBLE DECKERS

1982 DENNIS DOMINATOR, Alexander body, low height, 79 seats, Gardner engine, Voith, new MoT – choice of 3 – from £11,000 + VAT.

1981 LEYLAND ATLANTIC, ECW body, 74 seats, Leyland 680, new MoT. 1976 LEYLAND ATLANTIC, ECW body, 74 seats – choice of 2.

SINGLE DECKERS

1979 LEYLAND NATIONAL MKI, 10.3 metres, 44 seats, good MoT – choice of 3 – £3,995.

MINIBUSES

1987/88 MCW METRORIDER SERVICE BUS, 25 seats – choice of 4.

1986 FORD TRANSIT, 20 seats – choice of 2.

1986 MERCEDES 608D SERVICE BUS, 18/20 seats, new MoT's – choice of 3, painted in white – £4,995 + VAT.

1987 IVECO 49.10 SERVICE BUS, 19 seats + 6 standees – choice of 4.

1987 DODGE S56, Northern Counties, 22 seats – choice of 7 – £3,995 + VAT.



G. Abbott & Sons
Leeming, Nr. Northallerton,
North Yorkshire
Tel. 01677 422579

W NORTH (PV)

LTD

Tel. 01977 682415

Fax. 01977 681119

DAIMLER FLEETLINE

Low bridge, 75 seats, 1980, choice of 5.

BRISTOL LH

1978-79-80, ECW body, 43 seats, choice of 20.

All spares to fit Bristol VRT, LH, Leyland Leopard – National

(63875/VSM)

FINANCE AVAILABLE SUBJECT TO STATUS.

Phone now for more details and ask for Phil on:

Day 01606 853298 Night 01606 836595 Mobile 0836 346277

(64033/VSG)

VEHICLE SALES MISCELLANEOUS

1994 VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE-HE 12M

49/53 recliners, grey/red moquette, centre sunken demountable toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, water boiler, wired TV/video, power entrance door, finished white/rose/gold.

M.O.T. FEBRUARY 1997

1993 BOVA FUTURA FHD 12.290 INTEGRAL 12M

51/55 seats, grey/red moquette, centre sunken demountable toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, water boiler, wired TV/video, power entrance door, finished all white.

M.O.T. FEBRUARY 1997

1993 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PREMIERE 350 12M

53 recliners, red/black stripe moquette, rear continental door, double glazed tinted side windows, courier seat, power entrance door, finished white/orange.

M.O.T. SEPTEMBER 1996

1993 DENNIS JAVELIN CAETANO ALGARVE II 12M

53 recliners, brown/beige moquette, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, power entrance door, finished duo blue.

M.O.T. JANUARY 1997



MOSELEY (PCV) LTD

ASKERN ROAD,

CARCROFT,

DONCASTER

DN6 8DE

Tel: 01302 330600

Fax: 01302 330606

MOSELEY

1991 (August) BOVA FUTURA FHD 12.290 INTEGRAL 12M

51/53 seats, beige/orange moquette, centre sunken demountable toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, driver's sleeping berth, water boiler, wired TV/video, power entrance door, finished all white.

M.O.T. MARCH 1997

1990 VOLVO B10MT (Tandem) VAN HOOL ALIZEE-SH 12M

49 recliners, brown/orange moquette, rear sunken toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows with blinds, courier seat, water boiler, fridge, driver's sleeping berth, wired TV/video, power entrance door, finished white/primrose/orange.

M.O.T. MARCH 1997

1990 DAF SB3000 VAN HOOL ALIZEE-DH 12M

51/53 recliners, recently retrimmed in brown graffiti moquette, centre sunken demountable toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, provision for driver's berth, water boiler, wired TV/video, low driving position, power entrance door, finished cream/duo brown.

M.O.T. NOVEMBER 1996

1989 VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE-H 12M

52 recliners, brown/orange moquette, courier seat, tinted side windows, power entrance door, finished all white.

M.O.T. FEBRUARY 1997

1989 LEYLAND TIGER 260 DUPLE 320 12M

53 recliners, brown/orange moquette, double glazed tinted side windows with pull-down blinds, power entrance door, TELMA retarder, chassis autolube, finished all white.

M.O.T. MARCH 1997

1988 NEOPLAN SKYLINER (MERCE. V10) double-deck

75 recliners, (57 upper saloon + 18 lower saloon) red/orange moquette, courier seat, water boiler, fridge, 2 tables, o/s rear toilet, wired TV/video, power entrance doors, finished metallic silver/grey.

M.O.T. DECEMBER 1996

1988 LEYLAND TIGER 260 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M

49 recliners, red/grey moquette, sunken toilet O/S rear, continental door, double glazed side windows, curtains, courier seat, water boiler, power entrance door, finished cream/grey.

M.O.T. JANUARY 1997

1986 DAF DV11 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M

53 recliners, grey/blue moquette, courier seat, continental door, tinted side windows, TELMA retarder, power entrance door, finished all white.

CHOICE OF 2

M.O.T. JANUARY 1997

**Call us for details
of our full range
of used coaches**

(63187/NSG)



REGAL



COACH SALES LTD.

Old Mill Park, Kirkintilloch, Glasgow G66 1SP.

AUTHORISED DISTRIBUTOR FOR MARSHALLS SPV LTD AND PRODUCTS

NEW MARSHALLS IVECO 59/12, 27 seats, 8 standees, luggage pen, power door, white exterior, 6 weeks.

NEW MARSHALLS DENNIS DART, 43 seats, standees, 5 weeks.

NEW MARSHALLS MIDI, 26/30 seats, DipTac, Euro 2 spec, 6 weeks.

1994 L Mk IV VOLVO B10M, Jonckheere, 51 seats, centre toilet, wired for TV/video, 150,000 km, white exterior.

1993 L MERCEDES 709D ALEXANDER, 25 seats, standees, DipTac spec, power door, long MoT.

1990 MERCEDES 709D DORMOBILE, 29 seats, 8 standees, DipTac spec, power door, long MoT. Choice of 4.

1990 G MERCEDES TAZ-DUBRAVA, Mercedes 0303 engine, 53 recliners, power door, radio/PA, MoT April '97.

1989 G SANOS-CHARISMA, Mercedes 0303 engine, 49/53 seats, toilet, power door, MoT November '96.

1989 F MERCEDES, 24 coach seats, power door, luggage capacity, long MoTs. Choice of 2.

1988 E MERCEDES 814, 29 seats, courier seat, large luggage capacity, power door, MoT December '96.

1986 BEDFORD YNV, 500 turbo, Duple 320, 57 seats, radio/PA, power door, MoT September '96.

1985 B LEYLAND TIGER 245, Duple Lazer II, semi-automatic, 53 seats, power door, long MoT.

1982 Y BOVA EUROPA, DAF engine, 53 recliners, courier seat, power door, MoT June '97.

1989 PEUGEOT TALBOT TRI-AXLE, 21 coach seats, power door, destination gear, all white exterior, new MoT. Choice of 2.

Day telephone: 0141-776 3268 Evenings: 0141-775 1884

(64035/VSM)

1977 (R) Bedford Plaxton, 53 seat coach, MoT March 97

1977 (S) Bedford Plaxton, 53 seat coach, MoT November 96

1979 (T) Bedford Duple, 53 seat coach, MoT December 96

1981 (X) Ford Plaxton, 53 seat coach, MoT May 97

1989 (F) Toyota Optimo, 21 seat coach, MoT May 97

Also 16/20 seater service bus style, short MoTs.

For further details contact:

Maynes Coaches, Buckie.

Tel: 01542 831219.

All above priced to sell due to end of season.

(63938/VSM)

1978 LEYLAND LEOPARD SUPREME IV

Express doors, MoT'd £6,500

1988 MERCEDES 609D

24 seats, Europa conversion, deep boot £11,950

1990

MERCEDES DUBRAVA

51/57 seats, WC, MoT 3/97 £25,500

Tel: 01285 810000

(64062/VSM)

01733 467146 Products and Services

AUDIO & VIDEO**PSV PRODUCTS**

Tel. 0161 707 3202 (24 hrs)

Update your coaches with a video playback system installed at either your premises or ours
Fitted from £500

Drinks machines installed from £325 supplied from £285

We repair and guarantee all makes of monitors, TV's, Videos and PA systems

Suppliers of

Microphones from £25.00; Glass Hammers £6.50

Fire Extinguishers £29.50; T Keys £1.20

First Aid Kits £17.00; No Smoking Signs £85p

Discounts for multiple orders

Service Bus Hire Available Immediately

Prices subject to VAT

0161-707 3202 89 Barton Lane, Eccles, Manchester M30 0EY

(64055/AUD)

01733 467146 Products and Services

ACCESSORIES

M & H COACH WORKS Ltd
PSV SPECIALIST REPAIRS AND CONVERSIONS
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, new 1 litre foam to BS5423 c/w gauge + bracket £28.50
FIRST AID KITS, PSV spec within vinyl case £16.50
DRIVERS FANS, 24 volt, oscillating £16.50
NO SMOKING stickers, double sided £0.87 each
EMERGENCY EXIT stickers, white on black £0.77 each
FIRST AID stickers, white on green £0.77 each
FIRE EXTINGUISHER stickers, red on white £0.87 each
WINDOW HAMMERS, small £2.50
C.P. BUDGET LOCK COVERS, 3 hole fixing £1.65 each
'T KEYS' All above plus p&p + VAT
MINIMUM ORDER £5.00
LEEDS (0113) 2441671 (60474/ACC)

BUSINESS FOR SALE

Bus & Coach Business For Sale
North West Area
School - Commercial -
Tour & Maintenance Contracts
Box No: 63981
Coach & Bus Week
Wentworth House,
Wentworth Street,
Peterborough PE1 1DS
(63981/BFS)

FOR SALE

Highly profitable 'niche market' bus operation, Manchester area

Turnover circa £1m.
Principal only please

Apply to:

Box No: 63863
Coach and Bus Week
EMAP Automotive
Wentworth House
Wentworth Street
Peterborough PE1 1DS
(63863/BFS)

FINANCE

THE COACH & BUS FINANCE SPECIALISTS

- ★ Finance Available New or Used Vehicles
- ★ Flexible Periods and Deposits
- ★ Fast Decisions ★ Credit Lines Arranged
- ★ Lease, Hire Purchase, Lease Purchase

FOR QUOTATION OR INDEPENDENT ADVICE CONTACT TERRY CROSS OR RON TELFORD

Tel: 0161-488 4000
Fax: 0161 488 4567

(63013/FIN)

HANSAR FINANCE LIMITED

★ Finance Available New or Used Vehicles
★ Flexible Periods and Deposits
★ Fast Decisions ★ Credit Lines Arranged
★ Lease, Hire Purchase, Lease Purchase

FOR QUOTATION OR INDEPENDENT ADVICE CONTACT TERRY CROSS OR RON TELFORD

Tel: 0161-488 4000
Fax: 0161 488 4567

(63013/FIN)

Bridgeway House, Mellor Road,
Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 5AU

cpt 
associate member

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

DRIVING SERVICES

THE CELTIC DRIVING FORCE →
KERNOW DRIVING SERVICES LTD



Approved Government Licensed Agency No. SW 2924

Experienced drivers, guides and tour managers for all aspects of the coaching industry. Tours, relief or second drivers.

Very competitive rates

Tel: 0850 701450 (24hrs)
Fax: 01269 831115

(62776/DS)

GARAGE EQUIPMENT

Garage Warm Air Heater For Sale

Powermatic gas fired, output 300,000 Btu-H, undamaged and working, choice of 3.

£150 each

Tel: 01530 263333
(63968/GE)

GARAGE EQUIPMENT WANTED

Fuel pump testing rig and injector testing equipment required.

Any available? Contact Scott Dunn 0115 978 4088
(64056/GE)

Selling a coach or bus?
It's so easy



Simply quote your credit card number or Switch number
Tel. 01733 467147

GLASS

GLASS
Before you next order - call us

PSV GLASS
01494 533131

ENGINES

DAIMLER FLEETLINE

First registered 1978. Reconditioned Gardner engine, only 7,000 miles. 6 months MoT, good condition, still working.
01283 213780

(64061/EN)

ENGINES

Excel Engines & Transmissions

Reconditioned: Engines - all types
Gearboxes - automatic, semi auto & manual
Axles & Differentials

All other Ancillaries are available

Engines:

Blocks
Crankshafts
Heads, Conrods,
Pistons, Compressors
Waterpumps

Gearbox & Axles:

Brakebands
Seals, Geartrains
Shafts
Gears, Brakeshoes

Most major units are forward exchange and are fully warranted.
We also offer forward exchange on cost of repair units.

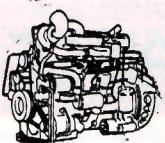
Fitting service is available on or off site.

24 Hour recovery service Nationwide.

Tel. (01977) 608808 Mobile 0374 113374

(63735/EN)

Preston Engines



Quality reconditioned engines ex stock.
Full Leyland range, Gardner, Volvo, Mercedes. Others also undertaken.
Towing and fitting service available.
Also breaking engines, all parts available.
Phone for a competitive quote.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PHONE PRESTON 01772 651629 FAX 01772 490760

(63315/EN)

NEW ENGINES

1 x Gardner LXB
new recon, unused, £3,500

2 x Cummins vertical L10250,
new recon, unused, £3,500

1 x DAF MB200, horizontal,
new recon, £4,750

1 x DAF MB230, horizontal,
new recon, unused, POA

Also other DAF engines

Tel.
01706 227140

(63335/EN)

HORIZONTAL LEYLAND TL11 ENGINES

in good running order

HARTWOOD EXPORTS (MACHINERY) LTD.

Birdwell, Barnsley, S70 5TR

Junction 36 M1 Motorway

Tel. 01226 742784

Fax. 01226 350055

COACH AND BUS WEEK Classified Deadlines

Booking TUESDAY 1600

Bookings requiring Proofs MONDAY 1200

Cancellation MONDAY 1200

..... MONDAY 1200

INSURANCE

The WRIGHTSURF Insurance Group



Contact:

799 London Road,
West Thurrock,
RM20 3LH
Tel: 01708 865533
Fax: 01708 865100

27 Booker Avenue,
Liverpool L18 4QY
Tel: 0151-724 2266
Fax: 0151-724 6427



attention all coach operators!

Competitive rates for new ventures and established businesses

Monthly payments

Prompt claims payments

Uninsured losses recovered

Travel schemes that make money for you

1996 Travel rates now available

For the right insurance at the right price contact us today.

(60681/S/IN)

We operate
our own
Buses –
We
Understand!

SPECIALIST INSURANCE FOR MAJOR BUS & COACH FLEET OPERATORS ALSO BUS & COACH MANUFACTURERS

- Claims recovery service
- Monthly payment facilities available
- Full travel insurance available

Robin Huckle & Co. Ltd

Newland House 137-139 Hagley Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 8AU

Registered Insurance Brokers

TEL: 0121-454 8878 FAX: 0121-454 4255

(61718/S/IN)

COACH, MINIBUS & BUS INSURANCE Fleet and single vehicle operators, Continental extensions

CONTACT: LAWRIE INSURANCE CONSULTANTS LTD

7 Cray Buildings, Footscray High Street, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5HL. Tel: 0181 302 7521/7522

(61932/INS)

COACH INSURANCE

**10% discount on book rates for
fleets of 3 or more coaches**

- ★ Stage, public & private hire ★ Pay by instalments*
- ★ Any number of vehicles quoted for
- ★ Cover for foreign travel included

(63995/INS)

For agency details contact
Scot Charley (01245) 287681

*Subject to terms & conditions

SUMMIT
AT LLOYD'S

REGISTRATION NOS.

NATIONAL NUMBERS

£59	£89/99	FROM £125	£399
BAG 455S	MIL 2197	EAZ 4040	BAZ 2968
OBZ 6980	NBZ 1671	HUI 3600	DXN 756
KAZ 5713	OBZ 6979	JAZ 9650	914 FHK
IAZ 4760	SIW 7031	JIL 3697	TXO 304
£89/99	TJI 6863	RJI 5864	FSU 197
HUI 3918	TIW 1735	KAZ 9777	799 HAU
LAZ 2335	XIB 8463	SJI 5063	XSV 233
LIL 9305	EAZ 6635	WXI 6271	OTR 940

We have been advertising in this magazine for many years.
We will beat any new advertiser's price. Thousands more available.

Tel. (01642) 343433 Fax. (01642) 343450

**NATIONAL
NUMBERS**

3-7 Day Transfers

from £125

HUI 4563

KAZ 3227

LIL 6290

MIL 4967

TIW 9071

SIW 8311

XIV 1735

OBZ 8143

PO Box 20, Norton,

Cleveland TS20 1YZ

Free lists - 20,000

plates on computer

Money back guarantee

24 hour Answer Service

(60492/REG)

CNDA

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

•

SEAT BELTS

BELT UP Services

European E Standard

SEAT BELTS

Supply and fit from
£10

Supply only
£8.50 per belt

24 Hour Nationwide

Fitting On Site

Certificate of

Conformity Supplied

Tel/Fax. 0181 555 5298
COACH OPERATOR

(61896/SBE)

SERVICES

GRAHAM'S COACH REPAIRS/HIRE

GRETNA GREEN

Have a safety inspection done
while your passengers visit the
Blacksmith's Shop

**Prompt, efficient 24 hour
call out service**

Tel: Alan on 01461 337854/577
(63862/SER)

SEAT BELTS

SEAT BELT SYSTEMS

Seat belts available for most
applications.

All restraints are E standard.
Fitting service available.

For full details and prices
phone NOW!

**Tel: 0121 505 2765
0850 946860 (Mobile)**

(63997/SBE)

SEAT BELTS

■ WE MAKE THE RETRACTOR ■ WE MAKE THE BUCKLE ■ WE MAKE THE METAL PARTS ■ WE MAKE THE PLASTIC PARTS ■ WE MAKE THE RETRACTOR ■ WE MAKE THE BUCKLE ■ WE MAKE THE METAL PARTS ■ WE MAKE THE PLASTIC PARTS

securon

MANUFACTURERS OF SEAT BELTS

WE HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO SUPPLY YOUR REQUIREMENTS

ALL OUR BELTS ARE ■ SERIAL NUMBERED

■ MONITORED BY THE Vehicle Certification Authority

■ 1 FROM 5,000 IS TESTED TO DESTRUCTION

APPROVAL CERTIFICATES AND CONFIRMATION OF CONTINUOUS MONITORING ARE AVAILABLE

SECURON (Amersham) LTD AMERSHAM BUCKS HP7 0NZ Tel: 01494 434455 Fax: 01494 726499

(63908/SBE)

CONFORMING TO EEC R16 (App. Nos. starting 04..) EE6 77/541
& BS 3254: Part 1: 1988

■ WE MAKE THE PLASTIC PARTS ■ WE MAKE THE RETRACTOR ■ WE MAKE THE BUCKLE ■ WE MAKE THE METAL PARTS ■ WE MAKE THE PLASTIC PARTS ■ WE MAKE THE RETRACTOR ■ WE MAKE THE BUCKLE ■ WE MAKE THE METAL PARTS ■ WE MAKE THE PLASTIC PARTS

SEAT BELTS
FINANCE AVAILABLE
subject to status

- ★ EUROPEAN & BRITISH STANDARDS
- ★ FULLY TRAINED EXPERIENCED STAFF
- ★ ON SITE FITTING SERVICE
- ★ FULLY INSURED
- ★ CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY SUPPLIED
- ★ FREE COMPETITIVE QUOTATIONS
- ★ 24 HRS CALL OUT

A COPY OF THE VCA EUROPEAN APPROVAL AND BSI KITE MARK LICENCE ISSUED FOR THE BELTS

ELITE SERVICES
STOCKPORT
TEL 0161 480 0617

PLEASE NOTE
our company does not fit
anything other than 'E'
marked seat belts

TRAINING

CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

REGULARLY UPDATED



FREE BROCHURE

HOME STUDY & ATTENDED COURSES

PASS GO LTD



01443 411019 (Wales)
01633 251223 (England)
01861 511190 (N. Ireland)

(61332/TRA)

INVITING TENDERS?

The directors/owners of the Bus and Coach Companies who read Coach and Bus Week are looking to provide you with competitive and cost conscious quotes, while providing the best possible service.

By advertising in

Coach and Bus Week you will:

- ★ Put your tender in front of over 6,700 senior management/directors in the industry.
- ★ Give yourself the best selection of quotes and tenders available.
- ★ Ensure the best chance of good quality response.

'We currently use Coach and Bus Week for our Tender advertising and are very pleased with the results we receive!'

Alison Roberts, Marketing Executive
London Transport

COACH AND BUS WEEK – THE ONLY CHOICE FOR TENDERS

To place your advertisement or for further information please contact

01733 467144

VEHICLE SPARES

P.V.S. (BARNESLEY) LTD

REQUIRED LARGE QUANTITIES OF
REDUNDANT VEHICLES
TOP CASH PRICES PAID
WE WILL COLLECT

ALL SPARES FOR ROUTEMASTERS
DAIMLER FLEETLINES, GARDNER 6LXB,
2 DOOR, REG NUMBERS S, T & V, MOT'D
NOW BREAKING DODGE S56's MINIBUSES

**Large stocks of quality spares
for most makes of engines, gearboxes,
diffs, axles, p. shafts, glass etc etc.**

Telephone

01226 722052

01226 725003

(eves) **01226 710620**

01226 700261

Established since 1960

(The reliable PSV Dealers)

57401/VEH

Selling a coach or bus? It's so easy.



Simply quote your credit card number or Switch number
Tel. 01733 467147

Coach and Bus Week ending 13 July 1996

BUSS BIZZ



of WINCHESTER, HANTS

01962 715555/715566 Fax. 01962 714868 Mobile 0802 794835

EXTENSIVE STOCKS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Engines, Cylinder Blocks, Heads, Crankshafts, Camshafts, Con-Rods, Pistons, Liners, Gaskets, Gearboxes, Diffs, Rear Axles, Hubs, Front Axles, Drums, Air Brake Equipment, Alternators, Starters, Flywheels. Lots of Bedford 466 and Bedford 500 Pistons, in stock.

NEW, RECONDITIONED & USED PARTS FOR:

Volvo, Leyland, DAF, Dennis, Seddon, Scania, Bedford, Ford, MAN, Mercedes, Dodge, Renault, Iveco, Gardner, Bristol, AEC, ZF, Eaton, Turner.

BEDFORD – Extensive stocks of Bedford engines, ie 500T, 500NA, 330T + 330 and 466. Pistons, liners, cranks, heads, con-rods, camshafts. All in stock for above. Also Driveline components.

LEYLAND – Leyland Tiger and Leopard engines in stock. Cylinder heads, con-rods, camshafts, crankshafts, compressors, transfer boxes, ZF and Pneumocyclic gearboxes. Differentials for all.

VOLVO – B58 and B10 long, short and complete engines on the shelf. Cylinder heads, cams, con-rods, blocks, cranks, oil pumps, compressors, power steering, ZF and Pneumocyclic gearboxes, differentials, halfshafts, propshafts, axles, hubs and drums.

DAF – Engines, crankshafts, con-rods, camshafts, cylinder heads, blocks, starters, gearboxes, axles, and differentials. All in stock.

SPECIALS

Volvo B58, B10M, B10MT, B10B

Compressors ie: Wabco, Bendix, Bosch, Norbrem, reconditioned or used

Large stocks of differentials for Leyland Tigers, DAF MB200, Volvo B58, B10M,

B6, Leyland Leopard

Large stocks of semi auto gearboxes and torque converters

★ BREAKING ★

Leyland Tigers, Volvo B58, Bedford YMT, Leyland Leopard, Plaxton and Duple, Bristol VRT III, Daimler Fleetline parts in stock

New Leyland National Bonnet Panels in stock. Bedford 466 MoD engines in stock

Redundant buses wanted for breaking

*Nationwide Delivery and Collection Service
Engine, Gearbox & Diff Fitting Service
Recovery and Towing Service*

(64101/VEH)



HOW MANY BATTERIES DO YOU HAVE?

Now available from stock:

Unitec
Manston Lane
Leeds, West Yorks
LS15 8SU
TEL: 0113 264 5182
FAX: 0113 260 6635

- Battery guards for any vehicle Part N°UN0049.
- Special prices for fleet orders

CONTACT US NOW FOR A FREE BROCHURE

(60676/VEH)

INVITING TENDERS?

If you want to ensure the bus and coach industry provides YOUR COMPANY with the most cost effective and competitive quotes, while providing the best possible service,

Coach & Bus Week will:

- ★ Put your tender in front of over 6,200 Senior Management/Directors in the industry
- ★ ensure you will receive the best selection of quotes available
- ★ Give the best chance of good quality response



The ONLY Choice of tenders
To place your advertisement or for
further information

Please contact CBW on
01733 467144



WANTED FOR CASH REDUNDANT BUSES

Large stock of second-hand spares available
Daimler, Leyland, A/Ls, AECs, Bedfords, Fords, Nationals
and Bristol VRTs.

Domi II and Supreme IV Screens
Iveco 49-10 Robin Hood Glass

**TREVOR WIGLEY
& SONS LTD**

THE PROFESSIONAL PSV DEALERS

(01226) 723147 – 5 lines

Mobile: (0836) 581848. Fax: (01226) 700199.

Night Lines: (01226) 203294/716479

Carlton, Nr Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

(63906/VEH)

**SUTRAK vogel
JONCKHEERE
Webasto THETFORD**
★ For parts and service ★
Tel: 01923 239996

BERNSTEIN ENGINEERING LTD

Unit 1, Colne Way Court,
Colne Way, Watford, Herts
Fax: 01923 252633

METRORIDER



METROBUS

METROLINER

• £1 million of Stock

• Guaranteed Quality Parts

• Next Day Delivery; Nationwide

• Call The Specialists now on 01789 765025

(63902/VEH)

Appointments & Tenders

Tel: 01733 467144

Fax: 01733 467154

COACH TERMINAL MANAGER

West Yorkshire

Shearings Holidays are the largest and most innovative British and Continental coach holiday company with an enviable reputation for quality and reliability. It is against this background that an exciting opportunity now exists for an experienced manager to join our purpose-built coach terminal at Normanton, West Yorkshire.

This diverse role will encompass a wide range of duties and will ultimately make you responsible for ensuring we continue to provide the high level of customer service our reputation has been built on. Key tasks will involve effectively supervising, training and motivating operations and passenger terminal personnel in order to ensure all duties are undertaken in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

In order to make the necessary contribution required, you should have a good knowledge of transport operations along with previous experience of dealing with the travelling public. Highly self-motivated with excellent communication skills and a pleasant personality, you must be capable of making accurate decisions, often under pressure. This is not a Monday to Friday role, as you will be required to work some weekends, our main operating times.

Commitment and enthusiasm will be rewarded with a competitive salary and all the benefits you would expect from a large, successful company.

Please apply in writing, enclosing full career details,
to: Jane Burke, Personnel Director, Shearings Holidays,
Miry Lane, Wigan WN3 4AG.

Closing date:
26th July 1996.

SHEARINGS



VOLVO
HEATHROW COMMERCIALS LTD
CROYDON

To cope with our ever expanding business we are looking to recruit permanent staff at our modern service/parts facility at Croydon.

It is expected that the right calibre of person will command high potential and a remuneration package which is currently one of the most competitive in the area.

WANTED ... WORKSHOP SUPERVISOR/TECHNICIAN ...

Applicants must show full training qualifications and have experience in heavy vehicle, Bus or Coach technology. Work is varied with major unit overhauls as routine servicing included. Volvo experience would be a benefit but not essential as training will be given.

Apply to: H A Marsh, General Manager,
Heathrow Commercials Ltd
Beddington Farm Rd, Croydon,
Surrey, CR0 4XB
Tel: 0181 665 5775

(63869/APP)

Eastern Counties Fleet Engineer

Eastern Counties, a subsidiary of FirstBus plc, is East Anglia's leading bus company operating almost 400 vehicles from sites in Norfolk & Suffolk.

We are looking for a highly motivated and technically competent Fleet Engineer to report to the Engineering Director with specific responsibility for the maintenance and presentation of our fleet of vehicles. A keen and flexible approach with a pleasant manner will be required to work alongside and support our depot engineers. Key responsibilities will include:-

- Undertaking depot inspections covering vehicles, buildings & personnel, ensuring compliance with relevant legislation and company policy.
- Preparing engineering budgets and implementing and monitoring performance at depots.
- Maintaining regular communications with the Department of Transport.
- Preparing and pursuing warranty claims.
- Overseeing the engineering computer system.

We are constantly seeking to raise standards and improve productivity and you will need a strong commercial awareness in addition to excellent man management skills for this 'hands-on' role.

Ideally, applicants should be suitably qualified skilled engineers from a PCV/HGV background and be able to demonstrate suitable supervisory skills.

An attractive salary package, dependent on qualifications and experience, including the provision of a company car, will be offered to the successful applicant.

If you would like to be considered for this position then please write, with a full CV to:-

John Taylor, Engineering Director
Eastern Counties Omnibus Co Ltd
79 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1UA

Applications should be received by Friday 26 July 1996.

(63872/APP)

GARAGE FOREMAN

Eurotaxis (Bristol) Ltd is looking to recruit a garage foreman to take complete charge of maintenance of the company's fleet of taxis and buses totalling some 80 vehicles at present but expanding. The person we would like to appoint will have a proven record in fleet maintenance. He/she will take total control of servicing, MoT preparation, record keeping, staff recruiting, training and supervising.

Please write in the first instance to:

Eurotaxis (Bristol) Ltd,
16 Highfields Close, Harry Stoke,
Bristol, BS12 6YA.
Tel: 0117 931 1113

(63982/APP)

**ARE YOU
STRUGGLING TO
FIND SOMEONE
WITH THE
CORRECT
QUALIFICATIONS?
IF SO, THEN LET US
HELP YOU.**



provides you with the ideal opportunity to reach every section of personnel within the Coach and Bus industry.

Take the time and effort out of recruiting by calling us now on

01733 467144

JUST A DROP OF COLOUR



Will add attention to your ad,
and improve results.
The next time you place an
advert, make sure it can't fail
to stand out.

THE SHOW LIKE NO OTHER



It's new, it's unique and it's here for you, **it's Coach and Bus Live.**

No other show is so committed to providing you with the **perfect platform on which to buy and sell new and used vehicles.**

Set in a purpose built exhibition hall you can have the best of both worlds:

- **Display your vehicles in show room conditions**
- **And more excitingly demonstrate the vehicle on the road or round the world-famous Silverstone Grand Prix Circuit**

If that isn't enough there is even a simulated bus route complete with stops and road humps.

And it won't cost you a fortune. We have a range of special packages to suit your pocket as well as your needs. Shell scheme, carpet, lighting, electrics and phone are all included.

Coach and Bus Live will be fully supported by Coach and Bus Week. No other show has that sort of backing:

- **The industry's leading magazine**
- **Over 18,000 readers every week**
- **Full colour, authoritative environment for show ads and editorial**

This is **your unique chance** to meet those readers face to face.

Coach and Bus Live. It all adds up to an unbeatable package.

If you want to know more about this fantastic opportunity to sell your vehicles in a completely unique way then call Toni King on

01733 467035 TODAY